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Hajduk star for Croatia?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

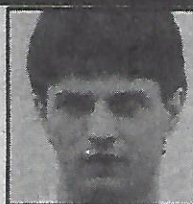
Melbourne Croatia hopes to emulate Sydney Croatia by signing Nikica Cukrov of Hajduk Split for next season.

Cukrov has been in Melbourne for two weeks, talking to Croatia officials.

The 30-year-old midfielder was a team-mate of Vedran Rozic at Hajduk Split. Rozic and Zeljko Jurin of Yugoslav Second Division club Siberic, joined Sydney Croatia recently.

Cukrov has played 16 A international games for Yugoslavia, and another 16 games for the Yugoslav Olympic team.

He has been with Hajduk for four and a half years and spent about four years with NK Rijeka before that.



Vlatko Belic



Paul Wade

BELIC, WADE FOR ROOS?

Paul Wade of Green Gully and Vlatko Belic of Foot-

scray JUST are under consideration for two national squads to be chosen by coach Frank Ark and his assistants.

Wade and Belic may force their way into the young B squad that will defend the Marlon Cup in Singapore next month.

Both are mediocres, and both have impressed Ark's Melbourne-based assistant, John Margaritis of Juventus.

Arok met Margaritis, Attila Abonyi and Eddie Thomson on Monday to discuss their selection and training plans. Arok also was to decide on his assistant for the world tour in November-December, and who would coach the B squad in Singapore.

A 28-man senior Socceroo squad was to be decided upon yesterday (Tuesday) for the first of a series of training camps.

They will be in Sydney on September 5 and 6, Canberra on September 19 and 20, in Melbourne on October 10 and 11 and in Sydney on October 17 and 18.

Arok said last week he was interested in a number of Melbourne Croatia players, including Yanka Banovic, Tony Curcio and Tommy Cumming.

And he said that while the Socceroos are in Europe, he would invite Eddie Krncovic to have a game with them. Krncovic, who has played many games and scored many goals for Australia, now is with Duesseldorf in West Germany.

The Marlon Cup squad will not include players from the two teams involved in the two legs of the national championship tie between the grand final winners of the two conferences, as this tie clashes with the Singapore competition.

— LAURIE SCHWAB
New round

The ever-changing National Soccer League has decided to scrap an entire round of interstate matches on 2 September.

It has been replaced by an intra-conference round. The draw is:

Sydney Hakoah v APIA-Leichhardt at Sydney Athletic Field, Sydney Olympic v Marconi at Pratten Park, Melita Eagles v Blacktown City at Melita Stadium, Sydney Croatia v Penrith at King Tomislav Park, St George Bush v Newcastle-Rosebud at St George Stadium, Wollongong v Canberra at Dapto Showgrounds, West Adelaide Hellas v George Cross at Hindmarsh Stadium, Makedonia v Adel City Juventus at Connor Reserve, Green Gully v Brisbane City at Green Gully Reserve, Heidelberg v Melbourne Croatia at Olympic Park, Footscray JUST v SM-Hellas at Schintler Reserve, Brisbane Lions v B.H. Ju-



• Sydney Croatia's new star, Vedran Rozic (standing, extreme left), with a Yugoslav representative eleven, standing: Rozic, Stojanovic, Verlasovic, Zlatko Vujovic, Krmpotic, Zalad. Front: Blagojevic, Kranjcar, Obradovic, Mustedanagic, Socerbogovic.

Rosebud ready to field new team

Newcastle-Rosebud won't pull out of the NSL nor out of the National Cup semi-finals next Wednesday, regardless of the demands of Newcastle KB United's liquidator.

The liquidator of the defunct club has been asking for transfer fees for former KB players now playing elsewhere.

Rosebud says it can't afford to pay.

NSL manager Steve Kamasz said there would be a meeting next Tuesday, between officials of the ASF, the NSL, Newcastle-Rosebud, the Northern NSW federation and the liquidator, to discuss the transfer fee demands.

Rosebud signed most of the KB players when KB folded. But even if Rosebud can no longer use the KB players, it will continue playing in the league. The team then would be staffed by members of Rosebud's Northern NSW First Division team.

Rosebud's Cup semi-final against APIA will be at St. George Stadium next Wednesday night.

The other Cup semi-final between Melbourne Croatia and Footscray J.U.S.T., will be played at Olympic Park the same evening.

The two winners will meet in the final on Wednesday, September 12.

Israel hurdle in youth Cup

Australia will have to overcome five other countries next February to qualify for the finals of the 1985 FIFA World Youth Championships in Chile.

The six competing nations will be Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Chinese-Taipei and Israel, which has again been added to Oceania by the world body.

Brian Emery, the ASF executive director, said the qualifying rounds would be held jointly in Australia with the Oceania Youth Championships.

"There will be two different sets of points during the tournament. When a team is drawn against Israel, the result will not count for the Oceania title but will be included in the World Youth Championship qualifying rounds," he said.

"The venue for the tournament will be decided by the Australian World Cup committee but the matches will be held in the one city from February 15-24.

"I will be submitting budget proposals to the committee but it will not be economical or desirable to hold the round robin at more than one location."

Emery said a meeting of the Oceania Federation had also accepted applications from another four Pacific nations but because they were not eligible

for the two championships they would be split into a separate competition.

The applicants, New Caledonia, Nuve Island, Samoa and Solomon Islands, will take part at a central venue for the Pacific Islands Youth Cup.

"One of the best results to come out of FIFA for many years has been the recognition that Oceania is now strong enough to qualify directly for the World Youth championship finals," said Emery.

"This eliminates the situation we have faced in previous youth cups where the Oceania winner has had to battle through a second round, mostly in South or Central America, to qualify for the final."

"Last year we won the Oceania section, then had to travel to Costa Rica to play the home team and Israel to qualify for the Mexico finals."

"The next step is to further boost the membership of Oceania and get FIFA to accept the winner as being strong enough to qualify directly for the World Cup



• Morwell Falcons, four points clear at the top of the Victorian State League ladder. Back row: Ian Stirton, Billy Whiteside, John Higham, Emil Bruns, John O'Callaghan, Steve Moore. Front row: Effie Cassar, Stan Webster, Jim MacLean, Russell Athersych, Jim Train, Harry Bingham. Missing: Gerry Clark. Pictures by LES SHORROCK

Falcons unsure of wings

Morwell Falcons are yet to discuss at committee level whether or not they'll play in the 1985 National League. Following their 1-0 over Fawkner last Sunday, Falcons have all but paralled up the Victorian State League title and are certain to be offered an NSL berth.

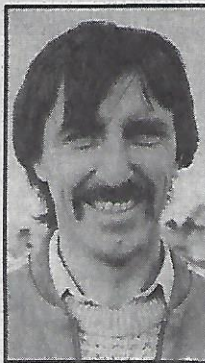
In the NSW State League, Inter Monero heads the ladder by one point from Rockdale-Hinden.

If Falcons go into the NSL, they'll have the best social club of any Victorian-based NSL outfit. Their huge social club at North Crinigan Reserve comfortably seats 450 and has a plush interior.

Morwell, situated about 170km south-east of Melbourne, hopes to be granted a full liquor licence next month.

However, the club is yet to make a firm decision to go into the NSL, opening up the possibility of one of the other top State League clubs — Polonia, Fawkner or Box Hill — being promoted instead to replace relegation-doomed Sunshine-George Cross in the National Conference.

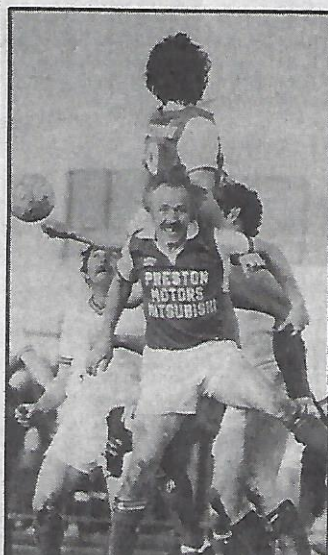
Should Morwell, as expected, win the title, it will be a first for the club and a real feather in the



Jimmy Dunne

cap of former Eire international Jimmy Dunne, who is in his first year as a coach in Australia. Dunne, ex-Fulham and Torquay United, came here in 1980 to play with Green Gully and won the Bill Fleming Medal, a prestigious Victorian Press award. The following season he transferred to Brisbane City for \$10,000 but suffered a broken leg in an NSL match against Footscray JUST.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



• Fawkner's Peter Boyle (front) and Ian Turfield show their characteristic determination in a game in which they had to win, they lost 0-1 to Morwell Falcons. At left is John O'Callaghan.



George Cross, from left, standing: Ian Pitt, Bobby Toal, Slobodan Jovanovic, Tom Costello, Steve Scerri, Mick McGorian, Don MacLaren, Billy Wilkinson (coach), Alf Zahra (president). Front: Jeff Faulkner, Ossie Laidi, Sam Deluca, Roger Bain, Gerry Bennett, Chris Taylor. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO

KAT'S CORNER

with PETER KATHOLOS



Just about everyone's been talking about the proposed format of the NSL next season, so I might as well have a go too.

The NSL, in my opinion, should consist of the best 16 clubs in Australia, so it should revert back to the old system.

This year the league lacked national flavor — in the Australian Conference, anyway — and there are just too many sub-standard teams around.

I've always believed it was a backward step adopting the present system. People don't understand the format and, in many cases, the players and officials don't either!

The reason the league decided on the present format was to save on air fares, but I can't see why the clubs couldn't provide \$35,000 each — which is enough for air fares — from sponsorship, from raffles or whatever. If they can't do that, then they shouldn't be in the league.

While other codes, like basketball, Rugby League and Australian Rules, are looking at going national, we are going backwards. If a straightforward league competition can't work, then we might as well go back to a State League system.

No prize for top five

While other sports provide rich prizemoney for its champions, the NSL is to stage a top five competition in which the only incentive will be a plaque, because we haven't got a sponsor to put up any cash.

I'm sure though, that it isn't too late to find a sponsor. That sponsor would be given valuable exposure on Channel 9/28, through the soccer papers, match programmes and even the daily Press. I'm sure the sponsor would get his money's worth.

Consistency: what is it?

Consistency is one thing that all coaches look for from their players. What is it? How does it come about?

To make consistency possible, the team itself must have fluency week after week, and that fluency can come about only through proper organisation.

Also, the player has to be self-motivated to push himself to the task at hand, and the players must show belief in each other while also displaying a positive attitude.

Prize-money needed, 'Cross doomed

Teams like Heidelberg and Sydney Hakoah obviously have had most of their players performing consistently. Hence their high position on the ladder.

Who'll go down?

With seven rounds to go, let's have a look at the relegation situation in both conferences.

The last-placed Sydney team and the last-placed Melbourne team both will be relegated, even if they finish in eighth position.

Teams from Adelaide and Brisbane will be relegated only if they finish dead last. In other words, if an Adelaide team finishes last in the National Conference, then that team as well as the last-placed Melbourne team will be relegated.

Canberra, Wollongong and Newcastle however, are exempt from relegation because they are classified as 'development' areas.

Looking at the Sydney teams, it's Penrith, St George and Blacktown that have the gravest relegation fears.

In the National Conference, George Cross is dead last and would have to win almost every one of its remaining matches to avoid the drop, so their position looks quite hopeless.

Abonyi's best man for Arok



LES MURRAY

World Olympic movement chief, Juan Samaranch, was reported to have scolded the American ABC television network for its biased Olympic coverage with the words: "Don't forget, the Games belong to the world!"

Right on, but I wonder how he would have reacted had he been a soccer man living in Australia during the 16 days of the LA Games.

One wonders indeed how someone like FIFA president Joao Havelange would have felt seeing Australian tele-

vision's measly total of about 30 minutes devoted to the sport which attracted about one and a half million of the five million odd spectators who attended the entire Games.

In fact I think Messrs Havelange and Samaranch ought to get together on this because the way the world game was snubbed during the Olympics, at least in this country if not in others, is surely intolerable to FIFA, which is in the business of developing soccer in non-soccer countries like Australia.

The real culprit is a system which allows a solitary network to purchase the broadcasting rights to the entire Games, lock, stock and barrel, denying coverage by other networks save

for three minutes a day in news bulletins only.

Why couldn't 0-28, for instance, have offered to have a delayed screening of, say, the two semi-finals and the final at a date when it would have presented no opposition to Ten's live Olympic coverage?

In other words they had only screening rights not selling rights and once Ten decided not to show a certain sport, no alternative television station could.

Now there's something not right in that. Certainly where it concerns soccer which, with its awesome universal support, practically props up the entire

Olympic Games on a financial level.

Put bluntly, because of that support, soccer has special rights and FIFA should press for a broadcasting formula under which television rights for Olympic soccer are made separate from those of other sports.

A question: Who will fill Frank Arok's shoes at St George once he becomes full-time national coach sometime next year?

Don't hold your breath but it might be Frank Arok.

Plans are afoot inside the management of St George, which must be uncomfortable at the

prospect of losing such a good coach, that Arok, part-time national coach, will be replaced by Arok full-time national coach and part-time St George coach.

It seems an almost strange step for the Saints, who back in the 60s appointed Laurie Hegyes as the first full-time club coach in Sydney and have, for the most part, had full-time coaches since then.

But then Frank Arok, who seems to have about 30 hours to his day compared with my 24, is probably as good a proposition part-time as anyone else is full-time.

If the plan doesn't work out the leading alternative candidate remains Atti Abonyi, a folk hero at St George

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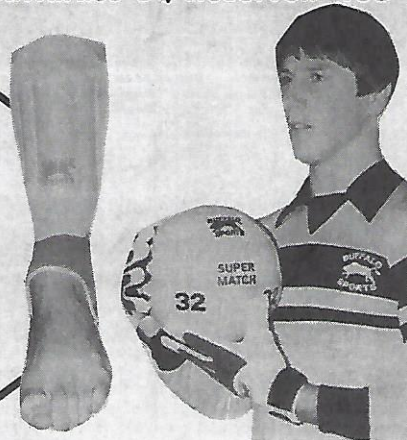
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Giampaolo to quit if Monaro fails

Women vie in A.C.T.

• The 11th Australian women's open championship begins in Canberra on August 28.

Canberra Women's Soccer Association President, Heather Reid, said all nine soccer 'States' would compete.

Over 200 women will participate.

Games continue until September 7 by which time each team will have played each other once with no grand final concept applying. In other words the team with the most points at the end of the series is the 1984 Australian champion.

"I expect the stiffest competition to come from New South Wales and South Queensland," Ms Reid said.

She added that women's soccer was not only spreading its wings in Canberra, but nationally — and internationally.

"In Australia the Australian Women's Soccer Association, an autonomous body, is considering appointing a full time executive director," she said.

Ms Reid said games in the national series would be played at Canberra's Hawker Enclosed Oval.

— PETER WINDSOR



Silvio Demanuele

Every soccer fan has his fond memories — those matches, players or moments he talks about for years after the event, re-living the excitement of the time as the action whizzes past in his mind's eye.

One of my fondest memories is of a match at the unlikely venue of Manly's Cromer Park in Sydney's northern beach suburbs in 1978 when Inter Monaro — then newly promoted into the NSW State League — played Manly.

The green and black-clad "country cousins" were making one of their first appearances in Sydney and made more than a few critics sit up and take notice — as did one of their players, a skilled, goal hungry young striker named Sebastian Giampaolo.

The 19-year-old made a tremendous impression during



Sebastian Giampaolo

1978 and 1979 — helping Monaro to a stunning grand final victory in 1979 and setting the rumour mongers working overtime, predicting he would be snapped up by an NSL club. In 1980 he went to Canberra, but stayed only a year before being sold to APIA where he stayed until the end of last year.

Now he's back at Inter Monaro, part of what he calls a "last do-or-die effort" for the club to make the NSL.

"Monaro has plenty to offer the NSL," Giampaolo said. "It's got a fine side, its own ground and more importantly it's in a country centre that is sports mad."

Giampaolo said he believed that if Monaro is not admitted to the NSL, the current side will disintegrate.

"A lot of the players — myself included — decided to give this year a big shot with Monaro, but if we don't succeed then we'll have to reconsider our futures with the club."

Giampaolo believes he has learnt a great deal from his experiences of the past six years. "To say I've matured would be an understatement," he said.

"I've learnt a lot about my own ability and about the game."

He said he had made quite a number of "stupid mistakes", the biggest being his decision to rush back into action in 1983 while half fit.

"During my stint with APIA between 1981 and 1983 I suffered some bad injuries which I never really allowed to heal."

"That was probably the

major reason why I didn't perform as well as a lot of people would have hoped — including myself.

"That was quite unfortunate, because in my first game I think I played quite well and I was keen to impress."

Giampaolo recalled his first year in the NSL with Canberra.

"We had a great team, and a great coach that year in Vic Fernandez, who is now here at Monaro," he said.

"My first game for Canberra was a blinder and for the first few weeks we played brilliantly and started to get the crowds... that was 1980 and we were getting more than 5,000 or 6,000 a match."

"But we found it very hard to maintain that high standard and naturally enough we had a few poor results."

He said the club management, however, was not prepared to concede that the team needed time to really gel into a formidable side.

"They wanted instant results and the axe fell when they didn't come."

"Then amazingly, at the end of the season they sold off a really great crop of players — myself included."

"Maybe if they'd stuck with the players for another year we could have done something."

Giampaolo said he doesn't regret the move to Sydney and APIA.

"I learnt a lot about my game, improved as a player, and learnt that I had to be realistic about what my body could and couldn't take."

He said the high point of his stint with APIA was winning the Phillips Cup in 1982, something that he feels is matched only by Monaro's grand final win.

"They were tremendous feats by both sides and the emotion on both occasions is something I'll remember forever."

Giampaolo said he was uncertain how he developed his skills.

"I suppose you could say that God gave them to me. I didn't do anything special — no kicking rag balls around cobblestone streets or anything as picturesque as that."

"I just watched matches on TV and played junior soccer — nothing any other young player in Australia didn't do."

He said that if any aspect of his game had improved over the years it was his running off the ball.

"A lot of players fail to realise the importance of that aspect of the game."

"I was pretty raw when I first started in the State League, and I consider myself a much more mature, polished player now."

He said it was something of a shock returning to the State League after several years in the NSL.

"I couldn't believe how rough the State League has become. There are very few teams that actually play soccer — maybe Auburn, Rockdale and Sutherland."

"I don't think the State League is for me."

— PETER WINDSOR



Stand soon for Melita

Melita Eagles may have had a nightmare run with injuries, but off the field, things couldn't be rosier.

While players like Alex McPherson, Wayne Farnsworth, Stuart Johnston and Silvio Demanuele all bit the dust, the committee pushed relentlessly

towards a major goal — the building of a covered grandstand at Melita Stadium.

The stand (pictured) will hold 1300 people and will soon be built with the assistance of the Commonwealth and State Community Employment Programme.

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BANOVIC IN?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Youth leagues

VICTORIAN YOUTH LEAGUE Knox City 0 Preston 7, B.U. Juventus 2 Nune City 1, Heidelberg Utd 2 Green Gully 0, Sun. George Cross 0 Sh Melbourne 2.

STANDINGS	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sh Melbourne	15	1	2	50	14	31
Footscray	12	2	3	16	26	26
B.U. Juventus	10	2	7	31	22	22
Heidelberg Utd	10	1	5	41	14	21
West Adelaide	9	3	4	27	15	21
Preston	8	5	6	26	20	17
Nune City	7	3	8	31	38	17
Green Gully	6	3	8	25	23	15
Sun. George Cross	5	7	23	23	15	15
Marshall Falcons	3	4	11	23	38	8
Frankston Pines	3	1	10	27	38	8
Knox City	0	2	16	10	85	2

This week's games: Sunshine-George Cross v Morwell Falcons, Preston Macedonia v South Melbourne Hellas, Melbourne Croatia v Nunawading City, Heidelberg United v Footscray JUST: Knox City v Green Gully.

VSF Travel top scorers

The VSF Travel Club, in conjunction with Ameco Travel, is sponsoring our 1984 National Conference Top Scorer award.

The winner receives a trip to Europe, flying Thai International.

Leaders:

14 — Brown (SMH)

9 — Cairney (Lions), Winn, Patterson (Heid), Konstantopoulos (WA), Lewis (GG)

7 — Daunt (Lions), Gojevic (M. Cro), Egan (SMH)

6 — Sweeney, Ward (B. Juve), Brogan (M. Cro)

Yakka Banovic is likely to be in Melbourne Croatia's goal against Newcastle-Rosebud on Sunday, but full backs Peter Lewis and George Hannah are in doubt after having been cautioned in Croatia's 4-0 victory over West Adelaide Hellas.

Banovic has been on the bench since joining from Derby County, as coach Tony Vrzina remained loyal to Peter Blasby, who had been playing well.

However, Vrzina appears to have changed his policy. "From now on I will be playing the best possible team," he said this week.

While Lewis and Hannah may be missing, Croatia will regain David Brogan after suspension, as well as Shaun Parton, Drago Deankovic and Steve Gojevic who missed last Sunday's match due to injury.

Keith Adams may have to play in one of the full back positions. He returned to the senior team last Sunday.

Although Newcastle-Rosebud is riding high, with Joe Senkalski, Simon Brandt, Ralph Maier and Derek Todd all starting, the team will be weakened by the absence of defender Neville Power who has a fractured ankle.

And Croatia will be more determined than ever, knowing that if it wins this one, it could draw clear at the top of the ladder, since Heidelberg and Hellas both have difficult games, against J.U.S.T. and Macedonia respectively.

J.U.S.T. is experiencing its finest NSL season yet. Up in fourth place, J.U.S.T. has regained the services of Jamie Paton and Graham Tutill who missed much of the season with injuries, and defender Kyri Kyriakoulase also was due to resume training this week, so there won't be any problems replacing Igor Hazabent, should his caution last weekend result in a suspension.

Makedonia is likely to miss Kon Opaninis who needed 10 stitches to a head wound in Brisbane last weekend, and his place is likely to go to Ljube Petrovski.

George Campbell, who was left out last weekend after being suspended the week before that, also is staking a claim for re-inclusion.

Carl Halford is recovering slowly from a leg injury, but it remains to be seen whether he resumes his place in the Hellas' line-up against Makedonia. Hellas does not have a good record against Makedonia, having lost 1-2 early this year.

A victory is essential however, if Hellas hopes to take the National Conference championship. It should, therefore, be a hell of a match. Watch the tussle between Gordon Flavell and Oscar Crino, and between Doug Brown and Ian Dobson.

Heidelberg will regain Don McLeod against J.U.S.T. He's been out suspended for two weeks, but who will be dropped? Surely it won't be Joe Angele, for he's been playing extremely well. It's more likely that Mike Valentine will return to the midfield, Scott Patterson to the attack, and Paul Tzintsis will miss out.

But there must be a question mark about the effectiveness of the Steve Winn-Stuart Stevenson striking partnership. They don't seem to complement each other.

Team of the week

In brackets: number of appearances in team of the week.

BOLAND (2) (Footscray)			
RUSSELL (2) (SM-Hellas)	MARIANI (1) (Marconi)	CANNELL (3) (Green Gully)	JACKSON (4) (Brisb. Lions)
BISKIC (3) (Melb Croatia)	SENKALSKI (2) (Newcastle)	MCDOWELL (5) (Footscray)	BUTLER (1) (APIA)
SOPER (2) (Syd Olympic)	JURIN (2) (Syd Croatia)		

Sunday's NSL matches with likely winners in capitals: **SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS** v. West Adelaide Hellas at Chaplin Reserve, 3pm.
Makedonia v. **SM-Hellas** (draw) at Connor Reserve, 3pm.
MELBOURNE CROATIA v. Newcastle-Rosebud at Olympic Park, 3pm.
Heidelberg v. **Footscray J.U.S.T.** (draw) at Olympic Village, 3pm.
Brisbane City v. **B.U. Juventus** (draw) at Spencer Park, 3pm.
Adelaide City Juventus v. **Green Gully** (draw) at Olympic Sports Field, 2.30pm.
St. George Budapest v. **SYDNEY CROATIA** at St. George Stadium, 3pm.
Penrith v. **Melita Eagles** (draw) at Cook Park, 3pm.
Marconi v. **Sydney Olympic** (draw) at Marconi Stadium, 3pm.
APIA-LEICHHARDT v. **Brisbane Lions** at Henson Park, 3pm.
CANBERRA ARROWS v. **Wollongong** at Bruce Stadium, 3pm.
Blacktown City v. **SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH** at Gabbie Stadium, 3pm.

What's happening with St. George Budapest? Last weekend, Robbie Slater, Dez Marton and Peter Stone were relegated to the ranks of reserves, and the team, with an abundance of youngsters in it, looked quite unrecognisable.

Saints are now three points behind in the relegation zone, and if they don't beat Sydney Croatia on Sunday they'll surely be doomed to the big drop.

But the biggest game in Sydney is the clash between Marconi and Sydney Olympic. Certainly it will draw the biggest crowd. Mark Koussas is back in form, and that should augur well for Olympic. The club's depth of talent was evident in the fact that Nick Theodorakopoulos and Gary Phillips were on the bench last week.

BRADLEY, KOSMINA

Despite being sent off in APIA's thrilling 2-1 win over Sydney City Hakoah last Sunday, John Bradley still is the leading candidate for our 1984 Boral Bricks NSL Player of the Year award.

The winner receives \$1,500 from Boral Bricks.

Bradley, on 73 votes, is maintaining his lead over Green Gully midfielder Paul Wade, who is on 65 votes. Behind the field is way behind with Canberra goalkeeper

Tony Franken next with 53 votes.

Leading votegetters:
73 — Bradley (APIA)
65 — Wade (GG)
53 — Franken (Can)
51 — McIntosh (Pen)
49 — McDowell (Foot)
46 — Williams (GG), Biskic (M. Cro)
44 — Melita (AC), Jackson (Lions)
43 — Kosmina (Syd. Hak)
42 — Yankos (Heid)
41 — Bertogna (APIA)
40 — Tredinnick (APIA)

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MELBOURNE CROATIA	11	6	4	33	22	28
STH MELBOURNE HELLAS	12	3	6	35	18	27
FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.	9	4	8	26	22	22
B.U. JUVENTUS	9	4	8	24	33	22
Brisbane Lions	8	4	9	31	31	20
Brisbane City	8	4	9	18	25	20
Green Gully	7	5	9	27	28	19
Preston-Makedonia	7	4	10	35	32	18
Adel. City Juventus	7	4	10	23	18	16
West Adelaide Hellas	6	4	11	33	39	16
Sun-George Cross	3	6	12	17	44	12

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

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SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH	13	6	2	50	15	32
APIA-LEICHHARDT	11	6	4	37	25	28
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	10	7	4	42	22	26
MARCONI	9	6	4	44	28	24
MELITA EAGLES	7	7	7	20	23	21
Blacktown City	7	6	8	30	36	20
Sydney Croatia	6	8	7	28	33	20
Penrith	6	8	7	23	31	20
Newcastle-Rosebud	8	2	11	27	44	18
St. George Budapest	5	7	9	28	33	17
Canberra Arrows	7	1	13	31	33	15
Wollongong	4	4	13	15	44	12

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And Soccer captain John Kosmina of Sydney City Hakoah still is leading the NSL's sharpshooters with 17 goals to his name. Doug Brown of South Melbourne Hellas is next with 14 goals.

Leading scorers:
17 — Kosmina (Syd. Hak)
14 — Brown (SMH)
10 — Bradley (APIA), Jan. Kossas (Lions), Lowe (Marc), Lewis (S. Cro)
9 — Cairney (Lions), Arnold (GG), Winn, Patterson (Heid), Katholou, Patikas (Oly), Konstantopoulos (WA)

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MELITA 0 WOLLONGONG 1 (Bundalo 65th) at Melita Stadium. Crowd: about 1,000. Ratings by Phillip Micallef:

MELITA: McPherson 6 — McAusland 7, McDonald 7, McGinn 7, Tredinnick 7 — Allen 8, Jamieson 7, Farrugia 7 (Gregson 75th) — Laing (McKie 90th), Duarte 7 Johnson 6. Coach: Raul Blanco.
WOLLONGONG: Tilsed 7 — Green 7, Dickson 7, Vlietstra 8, Fleming 7, Bundalo 6, Gaffney 7, Willis 6, Kerr 7 — Kotamandis 6, Beggs 6. Coach: Adrian Alston.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Vlietstra (W), 5. Allan (M), 4. Tredinnick (M), 3. Gaffney (W), 2. Green (W), 1. McAusland (M).

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED 3 (Brandt 41st, Mileosevic 64th, Senkalski penalty 71st) ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 1 (Polias 82nd) at Adamstown Oval. Crowd: 1204. Ratings by Joe Lanzoni:

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED: Gosling 7 — Maier 8, Power 6th, Boogaard 8, Owens 8, Thompson 7 — McQuarrie 7 (Kerby 82nd), Senkalski 8, Brandt 7 — Mileosevic 7, Todd 6, Allen 6. Coach: Willie Gallagher.

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST: Greedy 7 — Skeen 8, Ratcliffe 7, Zantides 6 (Marton 6, 46th), Pappas 7 — Barton 6, Ricoy 7, J. O'Shea 7, Synovs 6 (Stone 75th), Koczka 7, Polias 6. Coach: Frank Arok.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Senkalski (NRU), 5. Maier (NRU), 4. Skeen (SG), 3. Boogaard (NRU), 2. Owens (NRU), 1. Ratcliffe (SG).

CANBERRA 0 FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 1 (Belic) at National Sports Centre. Crowd: about 720. Ratings by Peter Windsor:

CANBERRA: Franken 7, Jones 7, Perinovic 45th, 7, Hogg 7, Harkins 7, Redmond 7, Bryant 7, Sermanni 7, Mihailidis 8, Brockbank 7 (Lamond 80th), Gibson 7. Coach: Doug Collins.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Boland 8, Curovic 7 (Paton 80th), McDowell 7, Tansey 8, Hazabent 7, Carroll 7, Belic 7, Kkaric 8, O'Donnell 7, Lacinovic 7, Lujic 8, Cacic 7, Cedo Cirkovic.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Boland (FJ), 5. Tansey (FJ), 4. Bryant (Can), 3. Lujic (FJ), 2. Mihailidis (Can), 1. Redmond (Can).

APIA 2 (Bozanic 84th, 89th) SYDNEY CITY 1 (Kosmina 71st) at Sydney Athletic Field. Ratings by Tony Raci:
APIA: Catlin, Bozanic 8, Bertogna (Tredinnick 72nd, Genovese 78th).

Pullen 7, Brown 7, Gray 8, Butler 9, De Ceglie 7, Bradley 8 (sent off 76th), Caban 7, Morsello 6. Coach: Fil Bottalico.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano 7, De Marigny 7, O'Connor 7, Robertson 7, Rodriguez 7, Gomez 6, Watson 6, Kay 6, Murray 7, Kosmina 6, Lee 7. Coach: Eddie Thomson.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Terry Butler (APIA), 5. Vic Bozanic (APIA), 4. O'Connor (SC), 3. Bradley (APIA), 2. Lee (SC), 1. Gray (APIA).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 4 (Soper 6th, Koussas 88th, 83rd, Kalantzis 80th) BRISBANE CITY 0 at Pratten Park. Ratings by Knut Werner:

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 7 — Rogers 8, Dakos 8, Coady 7, Jennings 7, Patikas 7, Katholou 7, Raskopoulos 7 — Kalantzis 7, Soper 8, Koussas 8. Coach: Manfred Schaefer.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 6 — Mengotti 6, Perry 7, Uddell 6, Broomfield 6 — O'May 6 (Pagan 66th), Fabrizio 6, Pimblett 8 — Walsh 6, Hamilton 6, Scriggins 5 (Milovanovic 70th) Coach: Joe Gilroy.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Soper, 5. Koussas (both Oly), 4. Pimblett (BC), 3. Dakos, 2. Patikas (both Oly), 1. Perry (BC).

BLACKTOWN CITY 2 (Larkin 24th, Sandy 84th) SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (Savor 23rd, 47th) at the Gabbie. Ratings by George Streeter:

BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare 8 — Wheatley 7, Dunleavy 8, Pointer 8, Skellern 8 — Salvage 7, Quarmby 7, Mourfield 6 (4th Thormtwite 7) — Sandy 8, Larkin 7, O'Connor 7. Coach: Casey de Bruin.

CROATIA: Woodhouse 7 — Woods 7, Sterrey 7, Vidali 7, Tomasich 7 — Rozic 8, Savor 8, Borges 8, Jurin 8, Arnold 8, Clinch 6 (Godzik 66th) Coach: Harry Noon.

Best players for the Boral Bricks award: 6. Jurin (SC), 5. Hoare (B), 4. Dunleavy (B), 3. Savor (SC), 2. Rozic (SC), 1. Pointer (B).

MARCONI 1 (Brown 33rd) PENRITH CITY 1 (Jackson 22nd) at Marconi Stadium. Ratings by Alex Vesic:

MARCONI: James 7 — Carter 8, Marlene 8, Calderan 7, Spanos 8 — McCulloch 7, Mason 7, Lewis 7, Carbone 60th — 7, Sharnes 8.

Brown 7, Licata 7. Coach: Les Schirfing.

PENRITH CITY: Gibson 8 — Brogan 7, Daley 7, Macintosh 8, Cross 6 — Wotherspoon 6, Hale 6, Ainsworth 7 — Hunter 6 (Fitzharris 85th) Cotton 7, Jackson 7. Coach: Willie Wallace.

Best players for the Boral Bricks award: 6. Mariani (M), 5. Sharnes (M), 4. Gibson (P), 3. Carter (M), 2. Macintosh (P), 1. Spanos (M).

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BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1 (Cullen 45th) ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 0 at Olympic Park No. 2. Crowd: about 1,250. Ratings by Craig Mackenzie:

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Martin 8 — Geremia 6, Brown 7, Drinczyk 6, Campbell 7 — Cullen 8, Cowie 8, Miranda 7 — Lloyd 7, Sweeney 6, Zinni 7. Coach: John Margaritis.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS: McNally 7 — Cecere 6, Nyskohus 7, Flouder 6, Tobin 6 — Melita 7, Villani 7, Maxwell 7 — Rankin 7, Fuller 6, Gatenby 6. Coach: Edmund Kretz.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Cullen (BJ), 5. Dowie (BJ), 4. Flouder (ACJ), 3. Martin (J), 2. Melita (ACJ), 1. Campbell (BJ).

BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Janna) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 at Richlands. Crowd: 811. Ratings by Ricky Rosso:

LIONS: Farrow 7, McKimming 7, Hunter 8, Jackson 9, Niven 8, Stewart 7, J. Stewart 8, Janna 8, Anderson 6, Daunt 7, McDonagh 6. Coach: Gordon Arrowsmith.

MAKEDONIA: Wilson 7, Opanis 6, Petrovski 7th, 6th, Dobson 8, Dunn 8, McMillan 7, Flavell 7, Ozdakovic 6, Lucchesi 6 (Iliotki 76th), Heys 7, Cole 6, Lane 7. Coach: Frank McAleer.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Jackson (BL), 5. Niven (BL), 4. Dunn (P), 3. Dobson (P), 2. J. Stewart (BL), 1. Janna (BL).

MELBOURNE CROATIA 4 (Markovac 20; Cuning 73; Biskic 76; Campbell 87) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Ratings by Frank Pangallo:

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Biskic 7-Lewis 7, Curcio 7, Hannah 7, Juric 8 (Protuder 78th), Blasky 9, Campbell 8, Antolovic 8, Adams 7 — Cumming 8, Markovac 8, Coach: Tony Vrzina.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Sproul 6 — Papazoglou 4, McGachey 5, Hiern 4, Brown 4 — Mousoulis 4, Panagis 4, Mancu 7, Papadopoulos 6 — Honeyman 5, Malavazos 4, Coach Sam Salapadisis.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Biskic (MC), 5. Markovac (MC), 4. Campbell (MC), 3. Cumming (MC), 2. Antolovic (MC), 1. Juric (MC).

FOOTSCRAY JUST 3 (Carroll 52nd, 76th, Lujic 56th) CANBERRA 1 (Bryant 45th pen) at Schintler Reserve. Attendance: 1000 (estimated). Ratings by Peter Desira:

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 8, Karic 7, Tansey 7, McDowell 9, Hazabent 7, Curovic 6 (Tutill 46th 7), Carroll 8, O'Donnell 6 (Paton 46th 7), Belic 6, Lacinovic 5, Lujic 8. Coach: Cedo Cirkovic.

CANBERRA: Franken 7, Hogg 8 (Ozong 51st 6), Redmond 5 (sent off 47th), Harkins 8, Bryant 7, Sermanni 8, Mihailidis 7, Brockbank 8, Gibson 7 (Lamond 82nd), Perinovic 7, Reis 7. Coach: Doug Collins.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. McDowell (FJ), 5. Carroll (FJ), 4. Lujic (FJ), 3. Harkins (C), 2. Boland (FJ), 1. Sermanni (C).

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1 (Toal 35th) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Brown 17th, 20th) at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 1500. Ratings by Ken Kontra:

GEORGE CROSS: Costello 7 — Taylor 6 (sent off 87th) Scerr 7, O'Reilly 6, Bain 8 — McLaren 8, Faulkner 7, Deluca 6 — Toal 8, McGowan 7, Laif 6. Coach: Billy Williams.

HELLAS: Laumets 7 — Russell 9, Blair 7, Kalafatis 7, Postecoglou 7 — Davidson 7, Kanesoulis 8, Crino 7, Murphy 6 — Brown 7, Egan 7. Coach: Len McKendry.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Russell (SMH), 5. McLaren (GC), 4. Kanesoulis (SMH), 3. Bain (GG), 2. O'Reilly (GC), 1. Toal (GC).

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 0 GREEN GULLY 0 at Olympic Village. Crowd about 4000. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

HEIDELBERG: Dier 7 — McKie 8, Angele 8, Yankos 7, Valentine 7 — Petersen 7, Selemidis 4 (Metaxas 70th), Patterson 5 — Tzintsis 5, Winn 5, Stevenson 6. Coach: Brian Garvey.

GREEN GULLY: Denys 7 — Smart (inj) sub Mancinelli 7, 27th), Cannel 8, McLeod 7, Hoggan 7 — McGuinness 7, Vassallo 8, Wide 8, Williams 8 — Laws 7 (sent off, 43rd), Smallman 7. Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

Best six for Boral Bricks Player of the Year award: 6. Cannel (GG), 5. McKie (H), 4. Williams (GG), 3. Vassallo (GC), 2. Wade (GG), 1. Angele (H).

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Bradley sent off, Bozanic nets two in APIA triumph

Man of the Match:

TONY BOZANIC
(APIA)

**SC-Hakoah 1
APIA 2**

Scorers: Kosmina 71st, Bozanic 64th and 89th
Venue: Sydney Athletic Field
Crowd: Est. 3000
Referee: Ken Small 3
Cautions: Kay, O'Connor, Bozanic
Sent off: Brkadey 76th.

APIA Leichhardt maintained a serious challenge for the Australian Conference title when it climbed a last-minute winner against Sydney Hakoah in a bruising and spiteful match.

Referee Ken Small sent off John Bradley and issued three yellow cards.

But in the end a couple of players from Hakoah were lucky not to have received their marching orders.

Large sections of the crowd exploded 20 minutes from the end, throwing at least a dozen garbage bins onto the running track.

Their anger was directed at referee Ken Small and some of the Sydney Hakoah players who they felt continually played the man and not the ball.

But in my opinion, Sydney Hakoah plays the game with amazingly fierce determination, and a win at all cost attitude.

Hakoah's players contest every loose ball ferociously, they back up each other up at all times and their entire 11 players get involved for the full 90 minutes.

Sydney Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson does not carry any passengers in his team, and players who have a habit of 'hiding' in matches don't exist in the Hakoah set-up.

Hakoah is not a rough and vicious side, it is a team that has all the right attributes to win championships.

Also, in Eddie Thomson, it has a man who is the supreme professional.

Thomson demands results, and he and his team achieve that aim.

As for the game itself, APIA dominated the first half with the aid of a very strong wind.

Goalscoring chances fell to Morsello, Caban and Bradley, but poor shooting and some excellent saves from Soccerro keeper Tony Pezzano saw both teams go to half-time 0-0.

It appeared that APIA had failed to capitalise on the wind advantage and Hakoah would go on to record another victory.

Soccerro captain John Kosmina put Hakoah ahead in the 71st minute following a brilliant individual run which resulted in a strong shot just outside the box.

Just five minutes later, Bradley was sent off after retreating against Jean Paul De Marigny following a hard tackle from the Hakoah defender.

With Bradley off and gale force winds in Hakoah's favor, APIA's fate and where the championship was heading appeared a foregone conclusion.

But APIA grabbed a deserved equaliser when De Ceglie headed the ball over to the far post following a free kick, finding Vic Bozanic who headed home strongly.

Then, with 60 seconds remaining, Bozanic notched his second, giving APIA a deserved and hard-fought victory and at the same time opening up the chase for the title.



John Bradley



Joe Lanzoni

**N. Rosebud 3
St George 1**

Scorers: Brandt 41st (NRV), Milosovic 64th (NRV), Senkalski (pen.) 71st (NRV), Polias 83rd (SG).

Venue: Adamstown Oval

Cautions: 18th Synovs (SG), 45th Papis (SG), 64th O'Wheas (SG).

Referee: Rub Davies 7.

Even the publicity of the legal wrangles between the liquidator of the defunct Newcastle KB United and the directors of

Owens shines again; Stone and Marton on the bench

Man of the Match:

JOE SENKALSKI
(Newc - Rosebud)

Clint Gosling, had a reasonably quiet afternoon.

A lot of the credit must go to Michael Boogaard who in his first game after suspension, was forced to come on after only six minutes, having played a full game in the Youth side.

Boogaard replaced reliable Neville Power after the tall defender badly sprained his

ankle and had to be helped from the field.

Boogaard's legs finally gave out eight minutes before the end when cramps got the better of him.

However it was a real team performance in which captain Joe Senkalski returned to his classy best with an inspired second half performance that earned him the Man of the Match award.

Newcastle, playing with the aid of a stiff breeze, went into half time one goal ahead after Simon Brandt soared above the defence to power in a left-foot diagonal drive that went in off the upright.

St George replied by introducing veteran Dez Marton in place of defender Steve Zan-

tides at half time but apart from some dangerous looking inswinging corner kicks he failed to make an impression on the game.

In their search for the equaliser St George pushed David Ratcliffe more and more into the midfield, leaving themselves exposed on the break.

In one of these quick breaks, Ralph Maier sent Dino Milosovic through a gap in the defence and the speedy striker beat Greedy with a 30-metre left-foot diagonal drive that went in off the upright.

St George's troubles did not end there. Shortly afterwards Ratcliffe handled a Milosovic cross from the right and Senkalski calmly slotted the penalty home to give the locals a 3-0 lead.

The Saints did pull one back shortly before the end when Chris Polias intercepted a careless pass back to steer the ball into the net from close range, but it was far too late.

Injuries and suspensions have cut a hole into the St George side, but probably Arok's biggest task will be to rally his big guns who seem to be sadly out of form, for the battle to avoid relegation.

I think St George needs the O'Shea brothers, Mark Barton, Peter Stone and Dez Marton back in the side and firing but none of the above players on show at Adamstown Oval last Saturday showed even a glimpse of the form that won the championship in 1983.

Willie Gallagher, the Newcastle coach was understandably elated about the result and had a special word of praise for Youth player or should I say former Youth player Neil Owens who once again a great game, showing the maturity of a veteran in everything he did.

Owens got his opportunity when he replaced Boogaard who was suspended three games ago and the youngster grabbed it with both hands and it is difficult to imagine how he now could be displaced.

There are more players in the high-flying Newcastle Rosebud Youth side ready to step into the top side if the opportunity presents itself.

JUST soars to fourth place with two wins in two days

Now for the finals: Cirko vic

**Foots. JUST 3
Canberra 1**

Scorers: 0-1 Bryant 45th pen., 1-1 Carroll 52nd, 2-1 Lujic 56th, 3-1 Carroll 76th.
Venue: Schintler Reserve
Referee: Chris Bambridge 8.
Cautions: Brockbank (C), Redmond (C) sent off 47th, Hazabent (FJ), Ontong (C).

Footscurry JUST coach Cedo Cirko vic has promised his players an easy week at training, starting with a night at the "South Pacific" baths in return for the two wins against Canberra over the week-end.

The side, strengthened by the return of Graham Tutill from a back injury, jumped into four spot as a result of the wins and Cirko vic is confident he will have his best possible squad together with



Peter Desira

the return of Kyri Kyriakoulas in time for the intra-conference challenge round against South Melbourne Hellas in two week's time.

Kyriakoulas, out injured since July 22, is due to resume training this week.

By comparison, a very despondent Canberra supreme Doug Collins left Schintler Reserve threatening a hefty fine against Tony Redmond whose sending off in the 47th minute turned the game around.

"We were the only team in it until that send-off. I make no bones about it — the player de-

served to go," Collins said.

"What makes it worse is that there was no need for it. I would have understood maybe had we been losing, with frustration creeping into the game."

Referee Chris Bambridge ordered Redmond off for persisting with foul language despite two warnings.

"I have no qualms against the referee's decision. I rate him as the best referee in the country and could not understand why Footscurry supporters got stuck into him for the penalty he awarded us at the end of the first half."

"Alan Reis was pushed in the back and no one could have had any complaints about the decision," Collins said.

The penalty, awarded right on the stroke of half time for Tom Karic's push on Reis, broke a five-match drought in which Canberra had not scored.

Steve Bryant converted the spotkick, sending Dennis

Man of the Match:

GARY McDOWELL
(JUST)

Boland the wrong way with his shot to the right side of the goal.

Cirko vic made two substitutions at the break, replacing midfielder Suleiman Curovic with Jamie Paton to form a three-man attack and moving Tom Karic into midfield to make way for Tutill's return at fullback at the expense of Brian O'Donnell.

But as Collins pointed out, the send-off so early in the second half was the real turning point of the game.

JUST equalised within five minutes of Redmond's marching orders, with Paton latching onto a half clearance and laying the ball back for Carroll to hammer it into the back of the net from the edge of the penalty box.

Gary McDowell, who provided the inspiration throughout the match, set up JUST's second in the 56th minute, meeting Igor Hazabent's right

Man of the Match:

DENNIS BOLAND
(JUST)

Paton for Curovic — but Canberra's change was far more effective.

Lamond gave JUST's defence a real headache and with only minutes remaining John Mihailidis put Lamond through.

He jinked his way past three defenders only to have the ball take an unfortunate bounce just as he was going to shoot and it rolled harmlessly into Boland's arms.

Full marks, though, to JUST's defence and goalkeeper Boland.

Veteran Jim Tansey had a great game as sweeper and Karic grafted constantly in midfield. Top marks, too, to Lujic for despite being heavily strapped on the thigh from start to finish he was constantly a danger whenever in possession.

Best for Canberra were Steve Bryant, Tommy Sermanni, Tony Redmond and John Mihailidis.

Boland tops, Lujic strikes

**Canberra A 0
Foots JUST 1**

Scorers: Lujic, 16th minute
Venue: National Sports Centre, Canberra.
Referee: Doug Rennie, 8.

Although this was Canberra's fifth consecutive defeat — watched by only 720 fans — it did not worry club president Charlie Perkins.

He was still optimistic immediately after the game.

"They're young, one of the youngest side, and will come good. They need time," Perkins said.

He is already preparing for 1985, for despite having more home than away games in the final few weeks Canberra can already write off 1984.

It has been a disaster, a season that started full of promise but went from bad to worse as key players were injured or became unavailable.

J.U.S.T. proved just how much opportunism is the name of the game.

A piece of magic between front-runners Dragan Lacmanovic and Zdravko Lujic led to the solitary, but match-winning goal.

And it came after only 16 minutes.

Lacmanovic's header was perfectly weighted to fall right at Lujic's feet and the nimble-footed, cool-thinking forward first rounded a Canberra defender before crashing his ground shot into the right hand corner of the net.

Bad luck to midfielder Steve Bryant with his 22nd minute, 25th minute free-kick that beat both the wall and goalkeeper Dennis Boland — only to crash against the upright.

Twice more in the first half Boland was called upon to make fine saves — first smothering a close-range shot from Alan Reis and then brilliantly saving an Ian Gibson ground shot late in the half.

But J.U.S.T. was not without chances from its break-aways, one in particular involving midfielder Tom Karic saw Karic take the ball to the sideline before crossing brilliantly for Lujic to rise majestically for the header only to have it deflected for a corner.

In the second half Canberra's coach Doug Collins had to replace injured Roy Jones and he did so by moving Andrew Brockbank back to defence from his role as a forward and brought in Marko Perinovic up front.

In the wet, slippery conditions one hoped Perinovic's sheer bullocking runs would



Peter Windsor

though Perinovic tried hard. Even when they created chances, Canberra's forwards and midfielders lacked the confidence to take snap shots.

Within the opening minutes of the second half Canberra forced two corners — and then continued the pressure almost incessantly for the remainder of the half.

Yet again J.U.S.T. used the break brilliantly and early on Lujic was put through the middle but in a one-to-one with goalkeeper Tony Franken mis-cued his shot and it went wide.

In the 56th minute a shot had J.U.S.T.'s Boland beaten — but Igor Hazabent cleared when the ball was but a foot or so from the goal-line.

With 10 minutes to go Collins finally brought on 17-year-old Manis Lamond who had spent 15 minutes warming up.

J.U.S.T. brought on Jamie

Abonyi best

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and who, incidentally, said after his sacking at Croatia that he would not in future contemplate full-time coaching.

Abonyi of course is also in line to resume his partnership with Arok as assistant national coach for the forthcoming international tour.

And on that subject there have been some curious quotes recently from both Les Scheinflug and Raul Blanco who said Eddie Thompson undoubtedly is the right man to be given the assistant national coach job.

Curious, not because Thompson's ability can in any way be doubted, but because both Scheinflug and Blanco know that good club results are not necessarily enough qualifications for that partic-

ular coach depends on who the national coach is and who can best form a team with the boss in preparing the national team.

In this sense, even a poorly performing club coach can be a good choice.

Just ask Les Scheinflug and Eddie Thompson, both of whom once had Raul Blanco as their assistant at a time when Blanco had not exactly been a roaring success as a club coach.

And, to emphasise my point and recognise that Blanco was an excellent assistant, both Sydney City and the national team had been successful when Thompson and Scheinflug were assisted by Blanco.

Indeed, if Atti Abonyi cannot take on the assistant national coach job, I believe the best man for

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FORGOTTEN MAN KOUSSAS IS BACK!

**Syd. Olympic 4
Brisb. City 0**

Venue: Pratten Park
Scorers: Koussas 2, Soper, Kalantzis.

Mark Koussas, the forgotten man of Australian soccer, signalled his return

to top form with two goals in Sydney Olympic's brilliant 4-0 win over Brisbane City.

The 21-year-old's game has been in the doldrums since he won the Golden Boot Award in the 1981 World Youth Cup.

Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer said after the game

that an in-form Koussas was vital to Olympic's chances this season.

"We have now won three games running and with Mark gaining confidence we should win more than a few more."

After Olympic went ahead 1-0 in only the sixth minute through a goal by Marshall

Soper, the team appeared to relax.

While looking the better side, their finishing lacked determination and they were unable to extend the lead before half time.

A tongue-lashing from Schaefer during the break inspired Olympic to its best 45 minutes of football all season. In the 58th minute Koussas

headed in a cross from midfielder Peter Katholos to send the crowd wild.

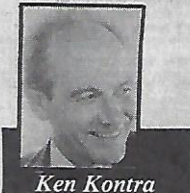
With 10 minutes remaining, 17-year-old Chris Kalantzis scored an easy goal from the back post after a Soper shot was pushed away by City goalkeeper Kim Wishart.

Only three minutes later Koussas scored again, slam-

Man of the Match:
MARSHALL SOPER
(Syd. Olympic)

ming the ball wide of the luckless Wishart from 10 metres. Despite the scoreline, Brisbane City was far from a bad side, never giving up at any stage.

Brown-Egan combo gets Hellas home



Ken Kontra

**George Cross 1
S.M. Hellas 2**

Scorers: Brown 17th & 20th, Total 35th
Venue: Chaplin Reserve
Crowd: 1500
Yellow Cards: McGorian, O'Reilly, McLaren, Bluffe (G.C.), Crino, Blair (SMH)
Red Card: Chris Taylor
Referee: Sam Zoumas 5

Despite sending off a player and booking six others, referee Sam Zoumas never really got hold of this game. He simply lacked the authority to control the players, who, right from the start, disputed practically every decision and generally committed far too many fouls.

As a consequence, there were stoppages galore, and neither side was able to develop a consistent pattern of play. It was a hard struggle, with good soccer at a premium. A small but volatile section of the crowd, who obviously made up their minds even before the start of the game, that Zoumas was the wrong appointment and but for the arrival of additional police at the end of the match, the situation could have gotten out of hand.

In fairness to Zoumas, while he did not have a good game, his decisions did not favour either side in particular, so the section of the crowd blaming him for the home team's loss, was very much out of order. The match nearly got off to a sensational start in the 2nd minute of play McGorian found a gap in the Hellas defence, but hesitated when he had only the goalkeeper to beat and lost the ball before getting a shot in.

However, it was the visitors who scored first, and what a goal it was! Bobby Russell won the ball in defence, passed to Oscar Crino who knocked

Man of the Match:
BOBBY RUSSELL
(SM - Hellas)

the ball to Charlie Egan. Egan beat two defenders and his pin-point pass gave Doug Brown an easy tap-in from two metres.

A few minutes later, the Egan-Brown striking duo was at it again. Egan collected a through-ball and held it despite the close attendance of three George Cross defenders. He squared the ball when Doug Brown made his run, and Brown made no mistake, slamming a powerful shot past Tom Costello from twelve metres.

Apart from these two occasions, Roger Bain and Steve Scerri did a good job closing down Egan and Brown respectively, and Jim O'Reilly, who returned to the team to replace injured Captain Gerry Bennett, did well sweeping up behind his defence.

For Hellas, occasional brilliance was intermingled with indifferent play, and only Man-of-the-Match, Bobby Russell produced the goods throughout the 90 minutes.

George Cross striker, Bobby Toal was giving young Angelo Postecoglou a torrid time in the first half, and his aggressive running resulted in a fine goal in the 35th minute.

He picked up the ball at the half-way line, and shook off three challenges before releasing the ball to Ossie Latif. Toal kept running, Latif chipped the ball over the square Hellas defence in front of him, and Toal's pile driver was in the back of the net before Peter Laumets had a chance to move.

It was mostly George Cross in the second half, and midfielders Jeff Faulkner and Don McLaren were desperately unlucky not to equalise.

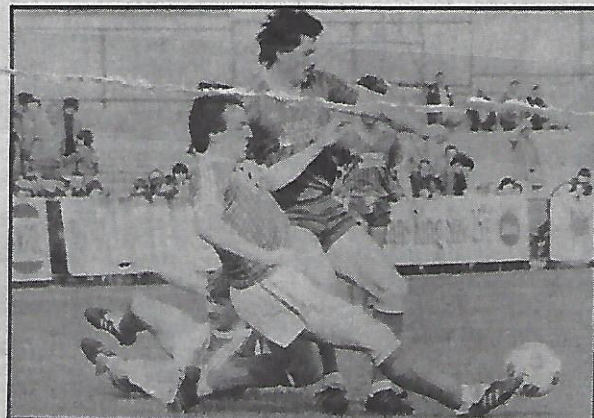
Faulkner broke through in the 55th minute but his shot was well saved by Peter Laumets. A few minutes later on McLaren's run was ended by Steve Blair when he pulled the midfielder down from behind on the edge of the penalty area. Blair's illegal but timely intervention earned him the yellow card, but prevented a 100% scoring chance.

In the 74th minute Don McLaren broke through again and rattled the crossbar with a powerful shot on the run.

At the other end, Doug Brown's header was tipped over the bar by Tom Costello, but it was all George Cross in the closing minutes.

In injury time, Ossie Latif's shot was charged down by Mick McGorian's header was saved by Peter Laumets just on the final whistle.

I am sure Sam Zoumas was somewhat relieved to signal the end to what was surely a difficult afternoon's work for him.



● Croatia's George Hannah disposes of Graham Honeyman of WA — Hellas with this sliding tackle. On the ground at left is Keith Adams. Pictures by FRANK HOBBS.



● WA — Hellas goalkeeper Gary Sproul grasps thin air as he's beaten by Josip Biskic's shot at Hindmarsh Stadium.

'Cross crunch game for West Adelaide

By FRANK PANGALLO

**Melb. Croatia 4
WA-Hellas 0**

Scorers: Markovac 20; Cumming 73; Biskic 76; Campbell 87
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium
Crowd: 1600
Cautions: Antolovic
Referee: J. Rossis, 8.

Even though Croatia was under-strength, it never looked threatened by hapless Hellas which had only two direct shots at goal for the entire match.

Hellas couldn't master the windy conditions and its sloppy passing and poor marking had a major bearing on its defeat. Croatia's midfield had flair and purpose, constantly exposing gaping holes in Hellas' defence.

Josip Biskic was particularly devastating with his close ball skills and pin-point passing. He was the architect of Croatia's telling attacking bursts through tiny but explosive dynamo Tommy Cumming and Robert Markovac, an extremely gifted teenager.

Hellas coach Sam Salabasidis had assigned Tim Brown the task of shadowing Cumming but the pint-sized striker was far too clever and elusive.

Man of the Match:
JOSIP BISKIC
(Melb. Croatia)

Markovac opened the scoring in the 20th minute when he sped past gangly defender Brenton Hiern and rifled a low drive past goalie, Gary Sproul.

It was only the powerhouse aggression and physical strength of midfield enforcer Chris Manou that kept Hellas in touch at half time.

Although Croatia dominated the second half, it was a tactical blunder by Hellas coach Salabasidis that enabled Croatia to run riot and reflect its superiority on the scoreboard.

Manou, Hellas' pillar of resistance and by far its best player, was substituted.

The move was jeered and booed by Hellas supporters. One spectator jumped the fence and abused the Hellas coach who then chased the man into the crowd behind the coaches' box.

Without big Manou, Hellas collapsed in a heap and meekly surrendered any chance it had of salvaging a point. In devastating style, Croatia added three goals in the final 15 minutes.

Cumming made room for himself to send a pass from youth player Ivan Juricic crashing into the back of the net in the 73rd minute.

Three minutes later the brilliant Biskic scored with a scintillating free kick which curled over Hellas' bedraggled defensive wall and the head of poorly positioned Sproul.

Jim Campbell completed the route three minutes from the end after Cumming cut loose deep in the Hellas half.

The big win was put Croatia on level points with Heidelberg at the top of the National Conference. However Heidelberg has a two-goal better goal difference and retains top position.

Hellas' capitulation has put it under pressure to break clear of the "relegation zone". Its moment of truth comes next week when it faces bottom-placed Sunshine-George Cross.

Although the performance of local referees has copied much criticism from fans and Press in recent weeks, the fans couldn't use that as an excuse in last Sunday's game. Referee Jim Rossis and his linesmen had complete control and allowed it to flow smoothly and trouble-free.

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Blanco defends Farrugia move

**Melita 0
Wollongong 1**

Venue: Melita Stadium
Crowd: Approx 1000
Referee: Davies 8
Scorer: Bundalo

Melita coach Raul Blanco said his controversial decision to replace midfielder Ray Farrugia late in the game was based on purely tactical reasons.

Blanco came under fire from a section of Melita's supporters for asking Farrugia to leave the field when it appeared the Maltese international was having a good game.

"Farrugia was having



Philip Micallef

trouble with a knee injury and was feeling the effects of a limited preparation during the week," Blanco said.

"But the main reason for taking him off was because I wanted Don Allan to take up a more advanced role in order to put more pressure on Wollongong."

"Farrugia was not playing any better or worse than his teammates and was substituted for mainly tactical reasons."

Man of the Match:
RAY VIETSTRA
(Wollongong)

Alex Bundalo scored Wollongong's winning goal in unusual fashion.

Bundalo, who is under consideration for the 1985 Australian Youth Team, scored in the 64th minute.

Melita goalkeeper Alex McPherson, back in the side after injury, took a goalkick, which was intercepted by Bundalo 30 metres out.

Mariani, Gibson stand tall

**Marconi 1
Penrith 1**

Scorers: Jackson 22nd, Brown 33rd
Venue: Marconi Stadium
Crowd: 1,025
Referee: Gary Power 8

Marconi's hard luck story continued in this match, with the home side again benevolent to its visitors.

While Melita Eagles were the recipients of one point during the last home match for Marconi, it was Penrith City this time.

Don't get me wrong. I do not wish to detract from the performance by Penrith. In fact I would venture to suggest that it took a lot of courage to play the Penrith did after being beaten twice this year by Marconi.

Michael Gibson was in fine form yet again, to add to Marconi's woes, making some superb saves as well as cutting out a number of dangerous crosses.

Marconi was in the driver's seat from start to finish but failed to take the right turn at the right time. Despite its territorial advantage, the home side failed to create an opening during the first 23 minutes, then received a shock when Brian Jackson let fly with a left-footer from some 25 metres. Over the netstruck



Alex Vesic

Some 10 minutes later, in a move which involved Carter, Sharpe and Lowe, it was Rod Brown who was on hand to head past Gibson from a short cross by Lowe.

As Marconi steadied during the second period, providing some good entertaining moves, it looked only a matter of time before Gibson would captivate. Peter Sharpe and Renato Licata were in fine form and with Paul Carter a constant menace down one flank and Spanos on the other, Penrith's defence was stretched far and wide.

Attilio Carbone found a lot of space on the left flank after a cross by Brown but to no avail. His shot was more of a back pass and easy prey for Gibson.

Licata battled his way past two players but ran wide inside the area, then shot straight at Gibson. With time slowly running out, Sharpe made a brilliant run across the penalty area, beating some four tackles before slipping his pass to

Man of the Match:
BERTIE MARIANI
(Marconi)

but yet again Gibson changed direction in mid-air to affect a tremendous save and deny Marconi.

Brown's elation all around for the Penrith players as the final whistle sounded but I cannot help feeling that Penrith, despite its territorial disadvantage, could have taken both points to Cook Park. Roy Cotton, with his ribs still tender following his most recent injury, toyed with a couple of Marconi defenders before facing James some seven metres from goal.

It was a delightful move which deserved a goal, but James read Cotton's intentions and flew to his left to make an incredible save from point-blank range.

Bertie Mariani, back in the side at the expense of the suspended Tony Henderson, was made captain as the longest-serving player on the park. And Alberto Liberato, better known on the terraces of Marconi Stadium as "Scirea" made the most of it.

His defence could not be faulted and his ventures for-

Overseas

POLAND

Wlodek Krawiec 0 Pogoń Szczecin 2, Radomsk 1 Zagłębie Sosnowiec 1, Legia Warszawa 0 Górnik Zabrze 0, Lechia Gdansk 0 Ulsa Lodz 0, Ruch Chorzow 0 Lech Poznan 0, Widzew Lodz 1, Baltyk Gdynia 1, Motor Lublin 4 Slask Wroclaw 2, GKS Katowice 1, Rotor Volgograd 1

Leading scorers

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Radomsk 2 1 0 5 1 2
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Górnik Zabrze 1 2 0 2 0 4
Lech Poznan 1 2 0 4 3 4
Zag Sosnowiec 1 2 0 4 4 4
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George Martin: goalkeeper who dribbles!

**B. Juventus 1
Ad. Juventus 0**

Scorer: Cullen 45th.
Venue: Olympic Park 1st 2.
Crowd: about 1,250.
Cautions: Sweeney (B.J.).
Referee: Molings 7.

It's because goalkeepers aren't supposed to charge out of their penalty area and dribble cheekily past opponents — and far more successfully than many forwards do — that George Martin keeps stealing the limelight.

The previous week it was South Melbourne Hellas star Doug Brown who found out that the Brunswick Juventus goalie has good close ball control and an endless reservoir of confidence here, it was the turn of young Adelaide City Juventus striker Joe Mullen, to come face to face with the man who sends Brunswick Juventus coach John Margaritis scurrying in search of a cigarette.

Martin charged out of his area, neatly taunted an opposing forward to dive in and when the opponent obliged, sidestepped him and thumped the ball down the park. That was in the 37th minute. A few minutes later Mullen was shaking his head in bewilderment after Martin dribbled past him inside, repeat, inside the Brunswick Juventus area, then calmly stroked the ball into the path of a Brunswick Juventus defender.

But Martin's antics don't



Craig Mackenzie

end there. He's capable of waiting for a high ball until the last minute, then throwing up his arms and bringing the ball down as he executes a tumble which would do an Olympic gymnast proud.

Of course, the Brunswick Juventus fans lap up all of this. They roar their approval whenever Martin starts dribbling and when he stages a spectacular save, the fans clap wildly.

If the quality of the spectacle isn't up to scratch, so what? It's worth \$5 to see 'Madman' Martin tempt fate. At the rate Martin's progressing with his antics we may yet see him heading a goal from a Brunswick Juventus corner.

But let's get back to more mundane stuff. A superb, first-time volley from Robbie Cullen earned Brunswick Juventus this win.

But the South Australians had the clearer chances and could have scored four goals.

In the 3rd minute, Steve Maxwell headed over from four metres following Peter Rankin's far post cross from the right wing.

Mark Gatenby was put



**Man of the Match:
ROB CULLEN
(B. Juventus)**

through in the 25th minute but blasted the ball over when confronted only by Martin.

Right on half time, Kevin Lloyd engineered the break through when he chipped the ball, from the left of the area, to Cullen, whose volley surprised Adelaide City Juventus goalie Willie McNally, who didn't have time to react as the ball whistled over him and into the roof of the net.

Mullen and Charlie Villani blew good chances to level in the second half.

A Rankin header in the 60th minute sent Mullen through but he shot wide of the far post from 10 metres.

Villani broke clear with five minutes left but hurried his shot, sending the ball into Martin's waiting arms.

However, it's thanks to neville Flounders that Adelaide City Juventus remained in a point right up to the final whistle.

In the 70th minute McNally parried a Cullen shot. Adelaide City Juventus failed to clear and eventually the ball ran to John Dewie. With McNally out of position, Dewie hit a hard, low shot from eight metres but Flounders slid down superbly on the goal line to kick clear.



**Man of the Match:
STUART CANNELL
(Green Gully)**

in mid-air forcing Oliver to produce his best reflexes.

Joe Angele did a sterling job for Heidelberg as stopper, in the continuing absence of suspended Don Macleod, while Ian McKie pushed forward tirelessly from right back.

Willie Vassallo had a fine game in midfield, challenging strongly, closing down, and even clearing a Petersen header off the line in the 9th minute.

Heidelberg won the youth league matches 2-0 with goals by Solakis (penalty) and Belegrios.

Teams with ratings:
HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER: Kardamitis 7 (Lagoulis 8th) — Rahovitisas 7, Pontikis 7, Katsakis 8, Solakis 8 — Gymnopoulos 8, Belegrios 8, Atrogitis 7 — Delligianis 9, Filippou 9, Thodis 9.

GREEN GULLY: McKenna 7 — Tyquin 8, Lupa 6, Beranic 7, Barichello 6 — Maxwell 7, Kremers 6, Volf 6, Pace 7 — Matasidis 7, Kadilcek 6 (G. Barichello 8th).

Lewis sent off, Cannell a rock

**Heidelberg 0
Green Gully 0**

Venue: Olympic Village.
Crowd: about 4000.
Cautions: Winn (H), Stevenson (H).
Sent off: Lewis (GG) 43rd.
Referee: Dennis Voutsinas 7.

Heidelberg hangs onto league leadership by virtue of goal difference but its performance was one of its worst, and I suspect Green Gully would have won had Paul Lewis not been sent off two minutes before half time.

To that point, Lewis had threatened the Heidelberg defence with his speed in latching onto through balls. In the absence of Les Carter who was suspended, David Smallman partnered Lewis up front and succeeded in laying the ball off consistently, especially with his head.

Apart from losing Lewis, Green Gully also was deprived of right back Ken Smart, who was injured and replaced by Fabio Mancinelli after only 27 minutes.

Heidelberg's play after the break was to push Scott Patterson up to complete a four-man forward line which was supposed to break down depleted Green Gully.

The Heidelberg attackers however, failed to put together



Laurie Schwab

any fluid passing movements. Instead, it was a case of individuals trying to barge through, with no success whatsoever, since Stuart Cannell was like the Colossus of Rhodes in Gully's defence.

Gully also won the mid-field, although Mike Petersen lifted his game after half time, and deserved at least one goal from his many attempts from the edge of the box. The best of them was a powerful volley which whistled centimetres past the post in the 83rd minute.

Cannell, however, also deserved a goal but his shot, after Smallman had headed on, went across goal in the 65th minute.

Heidelberg goalkeeper Jeff Oliver made the best save of the day when he knocked a long shot from Jim Williams past the post for a corner. It came from a long way out, but served and changed direction

CROATIA BLOWS IT AGAIN

**Blacktown 2
Syd. Croatia 2**

Scorers: Larkin 24th, Savor 23rd & 47th, Sandy 84th.
Venue: Gabarie Stadium.
Crowd: 2,214.
Referee: Peter Rampley 8.

Blacktown Demons and Croatia edged close to escaping relegation after their hard-fought game at the Gabarie.

For the most part Croatia looked the better side and had victory in its grasp, leading 1-0 and then 2-1.

With only six minutes to go and Croatia seemingly in control, a free kick was awarded to the home side just outside the Croatia penalty area. A quick push by Stuart Selva followed by a Quarmby chip over the Croatia defence for Adam Sandy backheaded past bewildered Greg Woodhouse for the equaliser.

It was a bitter pill for Croatia yet again!

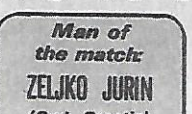


George Streeter

Time and again this side has let victory slip through its fingers against Penrith after leading 3-1 and against Adelaide Juventus after leading 2-0. Unless a quick remedy is found for its problems at the back it is going to be a hard road for this side in the last seven rounds.

Blacktown, happy with one point, must surely thank its keeper Barry Hoare was in fine touch to make some great saves during the second period.

Zeljko Jurin and Graeme Arnold will long remember the day they met Mr Hoare. Their shots were net-bound until Hoare made his desperate

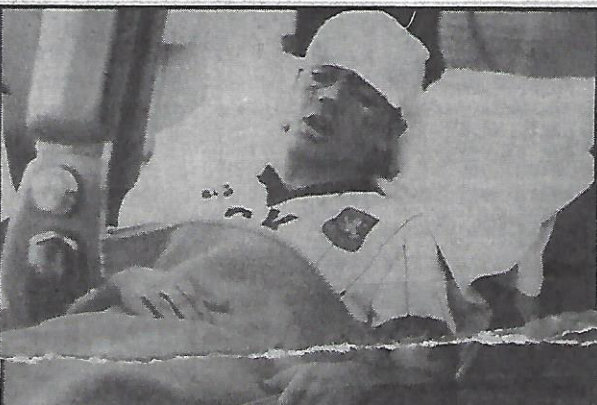


**Man of the match:
ZELJKO JURIN
(Syd. Croatia)**

lunges to affect great saves.

His acrobatics looked in vain close to the end as Cliff Porter's clearance found unmarked Nello Borges. Nello missed and shortly afterwards Blacktown equalised and one could not blame Croatia for feeling a little less than satisfied with the result.

Wally Savor and Zeljko Jurin were the inspiration for Croatia with Rozie, Borges and Arnold putting in some useful performances. Savor was on hand to give Croatia its lead after 23 minutes. Lee Sterry took a free kick by floating it right to Brett Woods on the right flank. Croatia's speedy fullback raced down the flank before crossing into



Makedonia full back Con Opasinis is taken to hospital for stitches to his head after being injured against Brisbane Lions at Richlands. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.



**Man of the Match:
STEVE JACKSON
(Brisb. Lions)**



Ricky Rosso

Junna and the flu lay Makedonia low

**Brisb Lions 1
Makedonia 0**

Scorer: Junna 89th.
Venue: Richlands Stadium.
Crowd: 811.
Cautions: R. Stewart (L).
Referee: Bill Montavardo 8.

A 'flu epidemic, suspect lighting and the loss of Con Opasinis after only seven minutes proved too much for Makedonia when it lost 1-0 to Brisbane Lions in a twilight game at Richlands.

Despite the setbacks, the Melbourne team held out until the 84th minute when former Australian Institute of Sport player Ray Junna squeezed a volley through the Makedonia defence and wide of keeper Richard Wilson.

According to coach Frank McAleer, Makedonia had eight players with the flu virus which had swept through the Makedonia camp the previous week. Big striker Gary Cole was one of the hardest hit and it reflected in his very mediocre performance, when Lions were expecting him to be a real danger man.

McAleer was also critical of the Richlands lights which he claimed were not suitable for night NSL matches.

The twilight game was the first played in Brisbane. The first half was played in the cool and clear afternoon, but by half time darkness was falling rapidly.

The Lions players though, hailed the timeslot as perfect for matches in Brisbane and said the lighting gave them no problems.

But nothing seemed to be going Makedonia's way and it was obvious when Opasinis left the field with a blood-gushing head wound after only seven minutes.

Ljube Petrovki took his place but Lions were to exploit the flank a number of times during the night.

The match though started slowly and it seemed players from both sides were waiting for darkness to fall before making their attacking raids.

Lions had one good opportunity in the 17th minute when good work by John Stewart setup Clark Anderson. But the youngster hesitated in front of the goal, controlling in an attempt to make sure of his shot, and was dispossessed.

Makedonia attempted to push forward a number of times, but Cole and his attacking partner Sean Lane, show-

ing some nice touches, were repeatedly caught outside — several times in border-line decisions.

Fifty seconds into the second half, Makedonia was unlucky not to concede a penalty when the Lions forwards went up as one after an apparent handball by Petrovski. But play was waved on.

Two minutes later Alan Niven pleasingly back to the form which won him Socceroo honors, hit a brilliant freekick. But it took a slight deflection and to Richard Wilson's relief went narrowly wide.

The two near-misses spurred Makedonia into its best form of the match and the Melbourne side had two opportunities within five minutes of each other.

First, Lane burst through the Lions defence to be in a one-on-one with Lions keeper Robbie Farrow, but Farrow was quickly off his line and smothered Lane's attempt with his legs.

Then Ian Dobson moved onto a good Graham Heyes corner but put his free header fractionally over the top.

As the match progressed Lions, led by the hard-working John Stewart, began to domi-

nate possession and Makedonia seemed content to hold onto the point.

Dobson and Robbie Dunn were powerful in defence and together controlled Lions target man Calvin Dault.

But on the last corner of the match, the ball was not cleared from the Makedonia penalty box and after attempts had been smothered, Junna brilliantly picked his spot high to the left and netted the winner.

While Junna, John Stewart and Niven were at their outstanding best for the home side and Dunn and Dobson superb for Makedonia, the big success story of the match was

the form of Lions youngster Steve Jackson at sweeper.

Jackson, 20, confirmed his rating as a Socceroo of the future with a faultless display. He had been put into the position from rightback following the suspension of Roddy Vasquez and helped stabilise and marshal the Lions defence.

His pinpoint passing with both feet could not be faulted. Although he will return to full-back this week to allow the return of Vasquez, whose form also could not be faulted of late, Jackson undoubtedly will be the mainstay of the Lions defence for many seasons to come.

Johnston in Canberra

One of Australia's most famous soccer sons, Craig Johnston, will use his prodigious talents to help tomorrow's aspiring stars in Canberra.

Johnston, holidaying in the English close-season after another lucrative season with Liverpool, is taking part in an August school holiday camp organised by Canberra's promotions officer, Johnny Warren.

The camp will be held at Warren's Gold Creek property in Canberra. Johnston will be in Canberra from September 2 to 7 and will attend as one of the principal guests at a Canberra VIP Club dinner on September 5.

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By CRAIG MACKENZIE

John Branov decided to stay on as president of Preston Makedonia this year because "the changes to the league's format were crouched in uncertainty. There was a lot of speculation about how things would go this year, so I decided to stick around."

If that's his criterion for sticking around, as he puts it, he could be president of Makedonia when the next century dawns.

The uncertainty over the future of the NSL is not, however, the only reason for Branov remaining at the helm of Makedonia. The club members want him to remain. And why not? His term as president, which started in 1979, has ushered in the most stable administrative era in the club's history.

Indeed, stability is a much needed ingredient in Australian soccer, according to Branov.

"Stability on and off the field is one of the keys to success. That's undeniable. Look at two of the most successful clubs in recent times, Sydney City and St George, and how often they change their players or coach or administrators," said Branov.

Up until last month, Peter Orlerton was the longest serving NSL coach. Only Eddie Thomson and Frank Arok were appointed earlier than him. Again, we're back to the example set by Sydney City and St George.

Okay, critics will say that Orlerton's sacking isn't exactly an example of club stability at Makedonia but consider that since 1981, when Orlerton was appointed, there have been over 50 coaching changes in the NSL.

"We've had presidents in the past who had little say in policy making. That's been their own decision. It certainly isn't how I view my role and I guess that the title makes it easier for you to push through issues without too much objection but, honestly, I've had no more influence as president than I had as secretary or as vice-president."

The two bees in Branov's bonnet are the structure of Australian soccer and lack of local council support.

"The biggest single problem in Australian soccer is the sport's administrative structure, especially at national level. You've got a situation here where 24 of the best clubs in the country are denied a fair and reasonable say at ASF level, a level which makes decisions which directly affect the futures of these 24 clubs."

"We must be the only country in the world where this happens."

"You talk to the states, who make up the ASF, and they say: It's not our fault, it's the fault of the system. But what's the system?"

"The ASF and state federation people then think that the NSL is after power. That's just not true. The NSL wants a fair and reasonable say in a decision making process which directly affects them. And



John Branov

that's all we want. A fair and reasonable say."

"I also believe that it's vital that the NSL stabilises the format of its competition. There are problems of course, not the least being promotion and relegation and, of course, there are no easy solutions; but I believe that we cannot tolerate almost annual changes to the league's format."

Makedonia currently is negotiating with the Preston city council for a long term lease of B T Connor Reserve, the club's home ground. The council has proposed a 20 year lease. Makedonia wants a 20 year option added to that proposal. With that type of security, the club then can start its development plans, which involve terracing and covering the outer part of the main ground, building dressing rooms on that side of the ground and letting juniors use the present dressing rooms, and covering the terraced area on the pavilion side of the ground.

"The Preston city council doesn't seem to appreciate that there's a major difference between the needs of a National League club and the needs of an Industrial League club. They say that both clubs are made up of local residents and that's that."

"Sure, if we were, say a junior club, then we'd be well off. Our facilities would be exceptional. In 1978, when we

THE LEADERS

President John Branov heads an 11-man executive, mainly made up of people who have given long and distinguished service to Preston Makedonia.

Many office bearers have been involved with the club throughout the 1970's and 1980's in a variety of capacities.

Nick Boskov is team manager and he's been involved with the club for over 15 years.

George Krashaw is one of two vice-presidents. Previously, he was treasurer for five years.

John Christou, a building contractor, is the other vice-president.

Peter Mouka has been very active at Makedonia as an administrator, having held many positions on the committee. He's currently club secretary.

Others on the executive are:

Treasurer Jim Anton, a building contractor, Jim Petrovski, who runs a cabinet-making business, Youth team manager Ljube Lulevski; Chris Risteovski, one of the founders of the club's juniors; George Kolevski, proprietor of G. K. Blue Star Motors, Makedonia's major sponsor; and Chris Peters, who has given over 10 years service to the club.

moved to B T Connor Reserve, we told the council that we now had one of the best facilities in the state. That was true at the time but our needs have changed. They're a lot greater than they were then. We're in the National League now."

Two of Makedonia's members stood for election to the Preston city council last November and lost. They didn't only stand to represent the interests of the Macedonian community and Preston Makedonia soccer club. They stood because they believed that within the council there existed an element of discrimination against ethnic groups. Although not elected, the pair were able to air their views in a public forum and they gained a lot of respect for the fight they put up.

"Putting up independents for election is an uphill battle. It can cost an individual about \$3,000 to run a campaign. Preston is a labor stronghold and to put up candidates meant going through the A.L.P. machinery of pre-selection, that's why these members decided to stand as independents. And I think that they made a point."

But Makedonia still would like to secure more points with the local council. While Branov concedes that confrontation is a non-productive tactic, he still feels obligated to point out to the council things that he feels are unfair. He feels the council should appreciate Preston Makedonia's stature as a competitor in a national competition and should be able to discern between the demands of such competition and the demands of say, participating in a small scale local competition.

Most people who know John Branov know him as a diligent, articulate and intelligent man. He's not extroverted, constantly shunning controversy.

But in his own quiet way, he's a fighter. And you can expect him to keep snapping at the council's heels for a while longer. Until he's satisfied that Preston Makedonia is getting a fair go.



INTER... The Shirt Worn by Champion

Preston-Makedonia, from left, standing: Ian Dobson, Zarko Odzakov, Gordon Flavell, George M Cole, Con Opasinis, Richard Wilson, Frank McAleer (coach). Front: Zoran Ilioski, Claude Lucci Ljube Petrovski. Missing: George Campbell, Steve Potter. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.

Lane a target for Manchester Arsenal, Everton



Sean Lane (front row, extreme right) with the 1982 Hereford United team. Back row: Mel Pejic, John Crabbe, Derek Showers, Gerry Plumley, Dixie McNeil, Chris Price, Ian Ross. Front row: Winston White, Keith Hicks, Ian Bray, Lane.

Sean Lane, 20, played for schoolboys against Wolves, Switzerland, Northern Ireland, France and had scouts from United, Everton, Arsenal knocking on his door.

On his father's advice, Lane, from Hereford United.

"That was the biggest mistake I thought that I could start at the bottom my way up. It doesn't happen like we have taken the chance of signing when it was offered," said Lane.

Maybe it's because Makedonia, the NSL side on fire that Lane reviews in the press when he arrives.

In May, 1983, Derby transferred Glen Sidington to Hereford in exchange for Lane. Lane was a team mate of his goalkeeper Yelka Banovic, who had come from Derby County to play for Wolves.

"Hereford was in Fourth Division, I was in Second Division. The Fourth Division is then again, there's a few kids you go."

Lane made over 30 league appearances for Derby. He went there as a midfielder last six months of the 1982-83 season played as a striker. However, Peter Taylor and Lane never saw each other.

"I don't like Peter Taylor as a manager."

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McALEER'S MARAUDERS EYE TOP FOUR SPOT

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

"Come the end of the season, I think you'll find us sitting in the top four. I've got the players to be able to win something this year. It's just a matter of the lads disciplining themselves and working within the system we've developed and we'll get there. I'm convinced that we'll get to the finals and when we do, we'll give it a big shake."

That's how Frank McAleer sums up Makedonia's prospects this year. If he's right, then Makedonia fans are going to get some joy from the 1984 season which started so well with the signing of Robbie Dunn, Gary Cole, Ian Dobson and Graham Heys, only to turn sour when results didn't come the team's way. Makedonia was one of the hot-shots for the championship earlier this year. Now the club's sights are set on making the final five, then reaching the final of the top five competition.

And what of McAleer's personal goals?

"My eyes are wide open. Back home, the game came before everything else. You can't do that here. There isn't any security in Australian soccer.

"If I don't do the job at Pre-

ston, I'll be the first to know and I'll stand down.

"The reason I took the job, apart from the obvious fact that I thought that I could do it, is that I didn't fancy the idea of having an outsider as coach. The heads were down and that's something I've tried to change. It's not easy.

"I work on respect. You gain it by treating the players the way you wanted to be treated when you were playing. You don't talk down to players, you talk with them.

"I've got a lot of confidence in my players. They can get into the finals."

So let's see how McAleer sums up the men he has so much confidence in:

STEVE POTTER (Goalkeeper): "He should have been in one of the national squads for the World Series games this year because he was in such outstanding form at the time. When he's on his game, he's one of the best goalkeepers in Australia. He's safe, he's good in the air and he's got good reflexes."

RICHARD WILSON (Goalkeeper): "Like Steve, he's a very experienced player, having played for New Zealand. Richard's a tremendous trainer. He's very good on the ground."

PHIL TRAIANIDIS (Goalkeeper): "Great potential. He's only a teenager, you know. He's tall and very agile, and he also trains well. He's got a good future."

GEORGE MILLAN (Utility): "What can you say about George? You guys have said it all. He's one of the best clubmen you'd ever see. He can play in any position and give you 110 percent. He's good in the air, good on the ground and an absolutely outstanding competitor."

LUJBE PETROVSKI (Defender): "The longest serving first teamer and a good, strong player. Lujbe's good with both feet and he's at his best going forward. Earlier in the season, he was one of our most consistent players."

IAN DOBSON (Defender): "Possibly the best header of a ball in Victorian soccer. He's not exactly a giant but his timing is near



Preston Makedonia coach Frank McAleer

perfect. He's also good on the ground, a really tough tackler, and he can play the ball out from his back too."

ROBBIE DUNN (Utility): "Our most consistent player. Great in the air with exceptional ball skills for a big man. He'll score about 10 goals every year either from set pieces or from build ups. And he's a great character. One of the best buys the club has made over the past few seasons."

GRAHAM HEYS (Winger): "We bought Graham as a winger but I use him in a deeper role because he's such a tremendous worker. His skills are good and he's a great crosser of the ball."

CON OPASINIS (Defender): "I see Con developing into one of the best fullbacks in the country. He's come up through the juniors and he's done really well for himself in such a short time. That's because of his attitude. He's got bags of confidence, something he's always had. He's very, very fit, he's quick and his skills are good."

GORDON FLAVELL (Midfielder): "Any team could

• Preston Makedonia coach Frank McAleer, 39, was born in Glasgow, Scotland. He played as a professional with Clydebank, Morton, Ayr United, Shrewsbury and Stirling Albion before joining Makedonia in 1977 as both team captain and assistant coach to Mike de Bruyckere. A bad knee injury ended McAleer's playing career just three months after his arrival in Australia. He continued on the coaching staff at Makedonia until 1979 when he was appointed coach of Metro outfit Kallor Austria. Three seasons later, McAleer returned to Makedonia. He was youth team coach in 1982 and looked after the reserves last year. He was assistant to Peter Ollerton this year until Ollerton's sacking last month, when McAleer was appointed first team coach. McAleer is factory superintendent at Brownbult Pty. Ltd. He's married with two teenage sons — one playing for Box Hill Juniors, the other playing for Greensborough Juniors.

ZORAN ILIOSKI (Midfielder): "He's got great skills. He works hard enough but I'd like to see getting a bit more involved more often. Especially going forward."

GEORGE CAMPBELL (Winger): "A natural winger. Like Graham, I use George in a deeper role and he's responded well. His skills, his fitness and his appetite for the game are his biggest assets."

ZARKO ODZAKOV (Midfielder): "On his day, he's the best attacking midfielder in Australia. At Preston, some fans expect too much of him. Anything less than his very best isn't enough for them. I'm trying to take the pressure off this guy. For goodness sake, there are 10 other players in the team. But what a wonderfully skilful player he is."

CLAUDE LUCCHESI (Forward): "One of the best and most consistent goalscorers at the club. He's got great close control and shields the ball well. When he's in form, he's one of the best forwards in Victorian soccer."

GARY COLE (Forward): "His record in Australian soccer says it all. And what a tremendous character he is. At the moment, he's playing better than at any other stage of the season. He attracts so much attention from opposing defenders that he allows other players in our side to get forward into good positions. He's doing a great job for the club."

SEAN LANE (Forward): "Played with Ian Dobson at Hereford. He's young, he's strong and he's superbly fit. He's a great foil for Cole or Lucchesi up front. I'm looking for really big things from him."

JIM BALEVSKI (Defender): "I coached him over the past couple of seasons and he's a good, strong lad with tremendous ball control. He holds on to the ball a bit too long at times but that's something I've been trying to change."

NICK KOTEVSKI (Forward): "Great pace and really good on the ball. He's scored a lot of goals in the youth team and I predict a big future for him."

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that the other players liked him either. Ask Yelke (Sanovic) what he thinks about Taylor."

In 1982, while still a Hereford player, Lane spent six months in New Zealand playing with Stopout.

"The football in New Zealand isn't as good as it is in Australia."

Things were looking up when Lane joined Derby but his run-in with Taylor soured his view. He became dejected and wanted a move.

At Hereford, he'd met Ian Dobson, the Makedonia stopper, and had phoned Dobson a few times to find out what it was like playing in Australia.

"Ian told me that this was a land of opportunity and that's why I came over. The weather was supposed to be nice too. Maybe Ian was talking about every other place in Australia except Melbourne."

"There's some really good players at Preston and Frank McAleer is impressive. He knows what he's talking about."

"I like it here already. The lads at Preston are great, in fact everyone's been very friendly."

"I'll be right if I can get a decent job. Actually, I've gone for a few interviews already."

"Yes, I can see myself settling here. Once the sun comes out, I'll think I'm in heaven."

Lane scored on his debut for Makedonia, a 5-2 win over Sunshine-George Cross at Connor Reserve.

His outstanding pedigree and his youth suggest that he's one of the finest prospects to come to Australia in recent times.

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1965 — Second in First Division
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1967 — Relegated from State League
1971 — Relegated to Second Division
1973 — Champion of Second Division

Division, promoted to First Division
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Athersych ends Fawknor's championship chances

By LES SHORROCK

Fawknor 0 Morwell F. 1

Score: Athersych 42nd. Venue: Smith Reserve.

Fawknor kissed the 1984 State League championship goodbye on Sunday as it came off a very poor second best in a bruising encounter with a very determined Morwell Falcons outfit.

Morwell Falcons marched inexorably towards victory in its 16th successive game without defeat, whilst the only consolation Fawknor could gain from this latest setback is that it seems certain to retain a spot in the top four.

From the very start of this game there was more needle than skill and it all came to a head in the 30th minute after an incident during a hectic moment in the Falcons goalmouth.

A scuffle broke out that eventually attracted no fewer than 17 players, there was a lot of pushing and shoving, a couple exchanged Liverpool kisses, and eventually, after a conference with his linesman, referee Jim Fearn sent off Fawknor's Gerry Clarke and Fawknor's Frank Macleod, the latter for the second time this season, incidentally.

The player who started it all escaped unnoticed, but then, he's been around a while and he knows when to be self-effacing.

Referee Fearn will have to start carrying a bigger notebook. He also issued yellow cards to Fawknor's Jim Train,



Referee Jim Fearn (fourth from right) certainly had his hands full at Smith Reserve on Sunday as Morwell Falcons took a giant stride toward winning its first ever State League championship by beating Fawknor 1-0. As a result of this scuffle in the 30th minute referee Fearn sent off Gerry Clarke of Morwell and Frank Macleod of Fawknor. Others pictured, from left: Emil Bruns (Morwell), Joe Palinkas (Fawknor), John Higham, Harry McKinlay, Ian Storton, Cesaro Fattore, Russell Athersych, Ian Tuffield, Harry Bingham, Steve Moore, Jim MacLean, Billy Whiteside, John O'Callaghan, Peter Boyle, Fearn, Jim Train, Frank Macleod, Fab Angelo. Picture by LES SHORROCK

Ian Storton, John O'Callaghan, and Jim MacLean, along with Fawknor's Gary Hobson, Joe Palinkas and Bruno Cozzella. On the previous Sunday, Fearn booked five in the game between Melbourne Croatia and Heidelberg. If he isn't careful he'll be getting writer's cramp. Whilst the send-offs left both teams with 10 men each, the balance came down heavily on Fawknor's side, as Macleod's departure left a gaping hole in Fawknor's back four.

Fawknor's remaining defenders seemed unable to sort out their marking responsibilities, as Russell Athersych demonstrated capably in the 37th minute when he rounded McKinlay and shot home the winner.

Falkons, on the other hand, with Emil Bruns, who surely must be the find of the season, putting Ian Tuffield in his pocket, went serenely along as if Clarke had never been there at all.

It has to be said though, that Fawknor's paucity of attacking ideas played right into Falkons' hands. The whole team seems so obsessed with Tuffield's leaping ability that balls are monotonously pumped downfield, and to a fellow as tall as Bruns, that's meat and drink.

From a purist's point of view there was little to enthuse about, with the shining exception of that complete player, Steve Moore. Moore's has the lot. Besides being joint second top-goalscorer in the league, he's the complete defender, and with Stefan Mila sadly out of the running he must have a mortgage on this year's Rothmans Medal (even with referees doing the voting).

Buffalo State League ladder					
	W	D	L	F	A Pt
MORWELL FALC.	14	6	1	43	10 34
POLONIA	12	6	3	40	30 30
FAWKNER	12	5	4	40	28 29
BOX HILL	10	8	3	36	22 28
Northcote	10	2	9	44	32 22
West Suburbs	9	4	8	38	43 22
R. Wilhelmia	9	7	7	31	30 19
Fston Pines	6	9	7	24	31 19
Albion Rovers	6	6	8	18	26 18
Croydon	7	2	11	23	31 16
Knox City	6	4	11	27	48 16
St Alb. Dinamo	3	7	11	25	44 13
Broadmeadows	5	3	13	43	23 13
Doventon	3	5	12	19	33 11

KNOX CITY 1 (House 10th) ALBION ROVERS 0 at Egan Lee Reserve, Saturday.

KNOX CITY: Brian 7 — Stoffels 7, Bissinger 8, Lesbirel 7, Dixon 7 — Wild 7, Stack 6, Murray 7 (inj), Brindle 5th 7 — House 7, Masters 7 (Gerish 7th). Coach: Eric Lesbirel.

ALBION ROVERS: Bryden 7 — Gales 7, Gatt 7 (inj), Alfonso 7th, D Sylva 8, Douglas 7 — McMorrow 6, Raily 7, Purcell 8 — Bouzas 7, Gilmore 6, Robertson 6, Coach: Billy McIntyre.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. D Sylva (Albion), 2. Bissinger (Knox), 1. Purcell (Albion).

ST ALBANS DINAMO 2 (Batonic 47th, Culina 85th) CROYDON 1 (Loughnane 5th) at Churchill Reserve, Saturday.

ST ALBANS DINAMO: Debeljah 7 — Jutrisa 7, Radman 7, Ramjak 7, Kuzman 6 — Batonic 8, Brkljacic 7, Bozic 7, Rastocic 6 (Kustura 8th) — Mecanovic 7 (Nobilo 4th 6, sent off 88th), Culina 8. Coach: Joe Spoljar.

CROYDON: Kastner 6 — Rainey 8, Singleton 6, Kerr 6, Brown 6 (sent off 88th) — Irvine 7, Brewerton 6, Bates 6, A. Livingstone 7 (Griffiths 73rd) — Killey 7 (Allen 81st), Loughnane 7. Coach: Colin Hasler.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Culina (St. Alb.), 2. Batonic (St. Alb.), 1. Rainey (Croy).

WESTERN SUBURBS 0 RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 2 (Smith 15th, Lange 88th) at Ralph Reserve, Sunday.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Hunter 5 — Matheou 5, Howe 5, Dimovski 6, Hamill 6 — Coyte 5, Esposito 5 (Christoudis 75th), Mussel 6 — Lazopoulos 7, Stenson 6, Filipis 5 (Diliberto 70th), Coach: Jimmy Condill.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Les 7 — Fryatt 7, Corke 5 (Haupt 56th), Murray 8, Verniers 8 — Shannon 8, Meyer 6 (Lange 75th), Burton 7 — Warszawa 5, Storm 7. Coach: Coach Cor Teeuw.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Verniers (RW), 2. Shannon (RW), 1. Murray (RW).

POLONIA 4 (Innes 47th, 59th, Gilder 57th, Gibson 65th) BROADMEADOWS 4 (Simic 30th, Watson penalty 48th, Stoikos 75th, Horfiniak 88th) at Raleigh Reserve, Sunday.

POLONIA: Lukac 5 — Lipiarski 7, Mila 8, McCluskey 6, Smolarek 7 — Mitten 8, Gibson 6 (Gardiner 67th), Innes 8, Front 7 — Przybyla 6, Gilder 6. Coach: John Gardiner.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Mila (Pol), 2. Innes (Pol), 1. Lipiarski (Pol).

St. Alb. Din. 2 Croydon 1

Scorers: Batonic 47th, Culina 84th (St. Alb.), Loughnane 5th (Croy).

Venue: Churchill Reserve. Was it a goal or not to Croydon in the first half?

Alex Livingstone and Steve Irvine were adamant, pointing out where the ball had gone through the top netting, of the St Albans goal but after consultation, the referee and line-

men decided it was a corner kick. Had that goal stood it could have changed the course of the game for Croydon was 1-0 up at the time. However, at the end of 90 minutes no-one could deny that Dinamo fully deserved this victory which gave it two priceless points in the relegation battle.

Croydon went ahead after five minutes when Peter Killiey's accurate pass put Ian Loughnane clear. Dinamo tried to pack the goal line with defenders but Loughnane's fierce shot found the net.

Playing against a stinging, awkward crosswind, Croydon did extremely well controlling the ball with short, flowing passes, and for 30 minutes seemed to be well in command.

Two minutes after the break, Lou Kastner came off his line to stop a harmless loose pass but the strong wind spun the ball away from his grasp. Branko Culina, running in, seized his opportunity, and sidestepping City's keeper he tapped the ball across to Ned Batonic who had the easy task of scoring. With six minutes to go, Culina left four City defenders in his wake and slammed home the winner.

Towards the end of the game bad tempers and poor sportsmanship reared in a near punch-up, and saw Dinamo's Rade Nobilo and Croydon's Mark Brown both sent off.

BROADMEADOWS: Grech 8 — Smart 8, Donaldson 8, Daniels 8, Desa 6 — Blair 7, Watson 7, Horfiniak 8 — Campbell 7 (Liberto 75th), Simic 8, Vaccaro 7 (Stoikos 70th). Coach: Jim McIntyre.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Simic (Broad), 2. Mila (Pol), 1. Horfiniak (Broad).

BOX HILL 1 (Keenan 8th) NORTHCOTE 0 at Wembley Park, Sunday.

BOX HILL: McKinlay 7 — I. Roodhouse 7, Brooks 6, Brownlie 7, A. Roodhouse 6 (Hennessey 81st) — White 7 (Priestly 61st), Verechia 6, Hughes 7, Keenan 7 — Azzopardi 6, Smith 7. Coach: Bill Murray.

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 7 — Patinois 7, Bozakis 8, Ketsakidis 7, Minos 7 — Wright 7, Toro 6, Wilson 6 — Dionisopoulos 7 (Bekaris 79th), Micevski 7, Constantinou 7. Coach: Jimmy Pyrgiolis.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Bozakis (North), 2. Smith (Box Hill), 1. Hughes (Box Hill).

DOVENTON 0 FRANKSTON PINES 0 at Weratah Reserve, Sunday.

DOVENTON: Radov 6 — Laletas 6 (McLeod 50th 6), Gadsby 7, Dixey 7, Fitzpatrick 8 — Watson 6, M. McDonald 6, Edmondson 8 — J. McDonald 7, Buchanan 8, Nelson 5 (Kaiser 60th). Coach: Ian Williamson.

FRANKSTON PINES: Stutchbury 7 — Thurlow 7, Cullen 8, Wilson 8, Beech 7 — Hodgson 5 (Spencer 60th), Cooke 6, Ross 7, Thomas 7 (Livingstone 70th) — Dick 7, Cummings 8. Coach: Danny McMinimee.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Buchanan (Doventon), 2. Cullen (Pines), 1. Wilson (Pines).

FAWKNER 0 MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Athersych 42nd) at Smith Reserve, Sunday.

FAWKNER: Terzini 5 — McKinlay 6 (Lia 70th), Fattore 5, McLeod (sent off 30th), Hobson 5 — Boyle 7, Palinkas 5 (Garvey 80th), Angile 5, Bannon 6 — Cozzella 5, Tuffield 5. Coach: Gus Macleod.

MORWELL FALCONS: Whiteside 7 — Clarke (sent off 30th), Bruns 8, Higham 7, Train 6 — Bingham 7, McLean 7, Moore 9, O'Callaghan 7 — Storton 6 (Webster 75th), Athersych 6. Coach: Jimmy Dunne.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Moore (MF), 2. Bruns (MF), 1. MacLean (MF).

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19 — MacLean (Morw)
18 — Quigley (North), Burton (Wilhel), Lazopoulos (WS)
17 — Tuffield (Fawk), Stenson (WS), Mila (Pol)

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19 — Smith (Box Hill)
15 — Tuffield (Fawk), Moore (Morw), Przybyla (Pol)
13 — Cozzella (Fawk), House (Knox), Lazopoulos (WS)



Crunch! Down goes Fawknor striker Bruno Cozzella, flattened by this challenge from Morwell defender John Higham.

It's Kew, thanks to Lewis

KEW CITY 1 (Brown 80th) SUNBURY UNITED 0 at Stradbroke Park, Saturday.

KEW CITY: Green 8, Conway 9, Krsavan 7, Smale 8, Houston 7, Phillips 6, Parsons 8, Campbell 6 (inj), Henderson H.T. 7, Drouge 7, Brown 7, Wild 6.

SUNBURY UNITED: Kiss 6, Beranic 6, Skinner 7, Campbell 8, Blakey 6, Twine 6, Lewis 5 (Koba 80th), Greenan 8, Stewart 6, Catterson 6, Magnano 8.

Paul Lewis could have been Sunbury's hero against Kew last Saturday. Instead, he was the villain.

Lewis had a chance to win the game in the 70th minute. The ball fell to him two metres out from goal and with a Kew defender on the line, Lewis shot against the defender.

Kew played against the wind in the first half and was content simply to hang on. It was able to get forward more in the second half but Sunbury was dangerous on the break.

Sunbury had a great chance to hit the front in the 65th minute after Seb Magnano turned superbly past a Kew defender and hit a shot toward the top right hand corner of goal but Kew goalie Jim Green reacted brilliantly to dive at full stretch and grab the ball.

The goal that mattered came in the 80th minute. Lewis was robbed inside the Sunbury area by Robin Parsons, who played the ball into the Phillips. Brown got onto the end of Phillips' cross to head home the winner.

— MICK MITTEN

METRO DIV. 4

ROSANNA 1 (M. Welsby 33rd) EAST BRUNSWICK 3 (N. Patsakos 51st, 70th, S. Ruccia 84th, penalty) at Yallambie Park, Saturday.

ROSANNA: Simpson 8, J. Fegan 8, M. Staples 7, M. Fegan 7, Skullos 9, Daly 6, (Kelly 78th), E. Staples 8, Sampson 8, Mooney 7, Palremo 7, Welsby 8.

EAST BRUNSWICK: L. Richolletti 8, Polita 7, Traficante 9 (Licardi 67th), Bramanti 9, Meldoni 8, Lepore 7 (Tabolari 73rd), Patsakos 9, Ciccone 9, Ruccia 9, Santangelo 8, S. Richolletti 8.

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Roodhouse to U.K., Spoljar takes over

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Box Hill eyes a 21 year old English midfielder; Gerry Clarke to head back home; Wilhelmina to appear before the VSF tribunal next Monday, August 27; and Joe Spoljar takes over from Pero Kasalo as coach of St Albans Dinamo.

These were the major stories to emerge from last

weekend's round of State League matches.

And what about Broadmeadows' stunning fightback from a 4-2 deficit to draw 4-4 with second placed Polonia? But more about that later.

Box Hill's win over Northcote at Wembley Park on Sunday cemented the Hillmen's place in the top four. In the 8th minute, left back Alan Roodhouse won the ball and played it forward to Dave Azopardi, whose lay off sent Brian Keenan through to score the only goal of the game.

Northcote's best chance fell to experienced forward Mike Micevski in the second half but he missed an easy header at the near post.

Now that the Hillmen are near certs for a top four finish, the club is planning for 1985. Treasurer Mike Roodhouse goes to England in October and hopes to sign a former Welsh schoolboy midfielder, who has played with Wrexham for four years.

Remember Alan McKenna, who came out from the U.K. last year to play for Box Hill? McKenna was plagued by a knee injury and returned to England after a short stay. Well, good news for the Hillmen is that, an English non-league club has offered \$1,700 for McKenna and Box Hill seems certain to accept.

The Hillmen probably will retain most of their players next year but if they don't play in the National League, then talented right back Ian Roodhouse is odds-on to leave.

Morwell will lose Clarke, who flies back to Northern Ireland in October. He has been missed, for his consistency, and class at the back has played a major part in Falcons' outstanding defensive record this season. He joined Falcons early this year from Glenavon.

Wilhelmina has been charged with misconduct by the VSF and fronts the tribunal this Monday night. The charge arises out of allegations that the club incorrectly

registered Ethiopian players

Lenina Kibret and Sisay Rebebe on June 15 this year.

On a brighter note, the form of Wilhelmina's Dutch import, Kees Storm, has pleased club officials and coach Cor Teeuw.

"Kees is one of the best players to come to our club in recent times. He's at his best in midfield, where his tremendous passing ability is a treat to watch," said secretary Hans Lechner.

And if any NSL clubs are watching Storm, they better think again, for he's on a three year contract with Wilhelmina.

Pero Kasalo, on medical advice, handed over the coaching reins at Dinamo last week to Joe Spoljar, who along with John Gardiner and George Train, got the bullet from Melbourne Croatia late last year.

And Spoljar kicked off his coaching stint in style. Goals by Ned Batovic and Branko Culina gave Dinamo a 2-1 over Croatia on Saturday. Rade Nobilo, who had replaced Zvonko Mecanovic in the 48th minute, was sent off in the 86th minute along with Croydon defender Mark Brown.

Now that eight goal battle at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday, Broadmeadows led 1-0 at half time. In the 30th minute, move involving George Watson, Lou Vaccaro and Ron Horfink put Paul Simic in possession on the edge of the Polonia area and the former Footscray J.U.S.T. striker shot first time into the bottom far corner.

Two minutes into the second half scores were level. Noel Mitten motored down the right and his cross was left by Carl Gilder for Kevin Innes to score the first of his two goals.

Broadmeadows hit back a minute later. The ref claimed that Horfink had held down as he tried to regain his feet inside the Polonia area and awarded a penalty which Watson converted.

But Polonia proceeded to blitz Broadmeadows for the next 20 minutes, scoring three goals, through Gilder, Innes and Dave Gibson, in eight min-

utes, and taking a seemingly insurmountable lead.

Broadmeadows coach Jim McIntyre brought on Con Stoikos for Vaccaro in the 70th minute and five minutes later Stoikos made it 4-3. Just when Polonia thought that it would hold on, it was bobbed by Polonia player Horfink whose fine shot from just inside the area in the 88th minute gave Broadmeadows a valuable point as it tries to fight clear of relegation.

Coach McIntyre was full of praise for his side after the match, especially Simic.

"We've scored 12 goals in four games which is a fine record. We're working on trying to get a point away from home and winning at home and if we can do that we won't be relegated," he said.

"Simic has made a big difference to the side. He's surprisingly quick and strong and really puts himself about. He's a fine target man and so far is proving to be a great buy."

In a time when player loyalty often opens to question, especially by administrators, it must be heartening for Polonia officials to learn that midfielder Joe Tront has passed up the chance of a 10-day contract to keep playing with the club. Tront won an incentive scheme at work and was due to sail out of Melbourne aboard the Oriana on August 14. He knocked it back, opting to play in what he hoped would be Polonia's championship winning side.

Albion coach Billy McIntyre recently rates Knox City striker Greg House, and many would agree with McIntyre's assessment. McIntyre reckons that House is definite National League material as well as Albion sweeper Mickey D'Sylva, who has had an outstanding season. Quite a few people at Albion are tipping D'Sylva to poll extremely well in this year's Rothmans Medal voting. They could be right.

Fawkner is in a similar plight. Frank McLeod will be suspended, and Joe Palinkas, Bruno Cozzella and Gary Hibson could be jostling for places. Nevertheless, Fawkner should have enough resilience to beat lacklustre Croydon.

Polonia might have to settle for a draw at Frankston Pines, and Box Hill should add to Doveton's relegation woes.

Broadmeadows, heartened by a good point against Polonia could claw its way a little nearer to safety by downing Knox City, and St Albans Dinamo could earn itself a valuable point against Albion Rovers at Selwyn Park.

Now they must all be thankful that Western Suburbs and Northcote City's shortcomings have provided them with a six-point cushion.

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3 goals in 17 minutes

NUNAWADING CITY v. FENSHAM (Nyholt 67th), Brown, Deane, Bakker, Greenwood, Hurst, Oates (Hansel 73rd), Nallies, Van Egmond, Mullett, Toner, Lawson, Wilkinson, Tutone, Smilavich, Prutche (McIntyre 83rd), Mills, Carmichael, Perlin, Oetz.

Nunawading did not take its chances in the first half, whereas Bell Park took advantage of the wind in the second to score three goals in 17 minutes.

The first half was a scrappy affair. At the start of the second half, Nunawading lifted its game and Bakker had a fierce shot well saved by Brennan.

In the 66th minute, a fierce shot was saved at full stretch by Fensham, but unfortunately for the keeper the ball fell to Ortiz who netted the rebound.

Eight minutes later, Lawson burst through the middle and scored with a blistering 30 metre drive.

The NSW State League title still is up for grabs following Manly's success over Inter Monaro at Cromer Park. Inter is now only two points ahead of Manly which will bridge the gap if it beats Yugal on Sunday.

Should Manly win comfortably then its goal difference will be improved to threaten Inter Monaro's position at the top of the table. Should bottom side Yugal lose, then the writing is on the wall for this former power in NSW soccer.

Bankstown has done its hopes of staying in the league a lot of good by defeating Avala with Itec Genc starting.

Manly Warringah 3 Inter Monaro 1

Scores: Leah 4th, Pano 10th, Stuart 45th, Valeri 49th.

Manly gave its supporters a glimpse of hope with a well earned victory at Cromer Park — its second over Inter Monaro this season. The only side to beat Inter on both occasions in the League is now poised to beat Yugal at Fraser Park this Sunday and that will put Manly on equal footing with Inter with one round to go.

The 3-1 result here may reflect an easy win to Manly but that wasn't so. Manly scored three goals during the first half but its lead was cut to two goals only four minutes after the interval and from then on it was a bitter struggle to remain in the lead.

Inter was the better side but its finishing left a lot to be desired. Brennan, Valeri and Giampaolo played well enough to create a few openings up front but couldn't finish.

Steve Leak shot Manly into an early lead after scoring with a vicious drive from 25 metres, then combined with Bobby Pagano to provide Simon Pane with Manly's second after 18 minutes.

On the stroke of half time, and following a half-hearted clearance by the Inter defence, the ball was picked up by Jones just outside the box. His shot deflected off Stuart past Hocking for number three.

Earlier, in the 34th minute, following a collision between Pagano and Frances of Monaro, both players had to be replaced. The game was stopped for about 20 minutes with Frances turning blue after swallowing his tongue. He was given first aid treatment and appeared to be okay for the trip back to Queanbeyan.

Avala 2 Bankstown National 4

Scores: Budini 11th, 75th, Blackburn 40th, Genc 50th, Parker 56th, Hosseini 65th.

Venue: Knight Park.

Bankstown players came fighting back and in rapid-fire style, shot four past Thurlow in the space of 25 minutes with Steve Blackburn making the most important contribution by scoring the equaliser just before half time to give his side a glimpse of things to come.

Itec Genc shot Bankstown into the lead and he was also voted the best player of this match, with Apennin making it 3-1 five minutes later. Hassan El Hosseini made it 4-1, with Budini scoring another Avala goal with 15 minutes left.

Ku-Ring-Gai 2 Narabeen 0

Scores: Jeffery 57th, Bass 60th.

Venue: Parklands.



Ku-Ring-Gai's leading scorer Glen Jeffery. He opened his side's account against Narabeen last weekend.

Avala seriously must reconsider its application for this ground for next season after yet another defeat at Knight Park. In 11 matches

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

there this year, Avala has won once and lost eight times! No other side in the league has run of poor home record.

In its latest outing Avala suffered a loss to bottom-placed Bankstown National. And while Bankstown celebrated its possible survival in the State League, Avala's players are in for a shock. No money will be paid to its players, with the exception of Budini, for last Sunday's effort, if some of the committee have their way. To top off a bad day for the home side, one of its players could have to front the tribunal on charges of allegedly playing for another club the day before this match.

The Avala committee meets this week to decide on what action to take should the charge against the player be sustained.

For Bankstown, doom was on the looming when Ricky Budini slotted his shot past Lohman 11 minutes into the match.

However, Bankstown players came fighting back and in rapid-fire style, shot four past Thurlow in the space of 25 minutes with Steve Blackburn making the most important contribution by scoring the equaliser just before half time to give his side a glimpse of things to come.

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Auburn 0 Canterbury 0

Venue: Mone Park.

For the eighth time this year Auburn drew. It was its fifth scoreless draw and the second against Canterbury. For Auburn, it meant goodbye to its semi-final chances.

At the moment, Auburn has

Sutherland 1 Yugal 0

Scores: Hesford 53rd.

Venue: Seymour Shaw.

Sutherland was never extended in collecting the points but one must seriously look at the problems surrounding the team. It fire power is obviously at an all-time low and goals are very hard come by.

On this occasion, it was Mitch Hesford, the Sharks full back, who scored to give his side the points but little else happened for Sutherland to suggest that good performance are on the way in the top four series.

As for Yugal, my old side, times are difficult to say the least. Yugal never posed a serious threat to Sutherland and despite its position on the league table appeared to be satisfied with the result.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN 3 (Nastevski 14th, Ristevski 80th, POLONIA 0 at Hurstville Oval.

ILINDEN Smith 8. — Degney 7, Ploviski 7, D. Wilson 7, G. Wilson 7, Nastevski 8, Slavski 8, Jones 7, Trahanovski 7, Brown 6, Ristevski 8.

POLONIA Barker 6. — Pratt 7, Galas 7, Vandenberg 6, Divani 7. — Sobczyk 7, Lumsdaine 7, Rassmussen 6 (Isherwood 48th & 61. — Nowak 6, Kowalczyk 6, Ovcarek 6.

KURINGAI 2 (Jeffery 57th, Bass 60th) NARABEEN 0 at Parklands.

KU-RING-GAI: Prentice 8. — Bennett 7, Jesse 7, Watson 6, Tracey 8, O'Guilley 6, Daly 7, Bourke 8, Dene 6. — (B8th Beeston). — Jeffery 7, Bass 7.

NARABEEN P. Dean 6. — Henley 7, Mahoney 6, Rylands 6, Collings 6. — Sarge 7, Griffin 7, D. Jack 7. — Bullock 7, Sandtner 6 (73rd McLean). A. Dean 6.

MANLY WARRINGAH 3 (Leah 4th, Pano 10th, Stuart 45th) INTER MONARO 1 (Valeri 49th) at Cromer Park.

MANLY WARRINGAH: Cassettari 7. — Pearce 8, J. Dick 7, Williamson 7, S. Dick 7. — Jones 7, Steven 7, Leah 8. — Parnes 6, Pagano 7 (Vale 34th), Stuart 6.

INTER MONARO Hocking 7. — Domestovic 7, Santolin 7, Frances (34th Wilke — 70th Monterosa), Williams 8. — Willox 6, Ambrosi 0 7, Farrell 8. — Brennan 7, Valeri 7, Giampaolo 7.

AVALA 2 (Budini 11th, 75th) BANKSTOWN NATIONAL 4 (Blackburn 40th, Genc 50th, Parker 56th, Hosseini 65th) at Knight Park.

AVALA: Thurlow 6, Lembyk 5, Mackenzie 5, Budini 9, Milne 5. — Dunjak 7, Rodriguez 5, Kodor 5. — Williams 5, Bateman 5, Bratkovic 5 (Ned 32nd — 61).

BANKSTOWN NATIONAL Lohman 7. — Green 7, Blackburn 8, Coates 8, Ishmail 7. — Agostino 7, Apennin 8, Genc 9. — Parker 7, Kennedy 7, Hosseini 7.

CONGRATULATIONS FALCONS

By LES SHORROCK

Well, the State League championship has been decided, and congratulations to Morwell Falcons, easily the best team in the competition. Now for the formality of settling the top four.

It's quite remarkable how the other three teams in the four, Fawkner, Polonia and Box Hill, have gone from being contenders to pretenders in a matter of a month or so.

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SELECTIONS

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

Saturday: Kew v. THOMASTOWN, Doncaster Rovers v. NORTH DANDENONG, Altona Seals v. MIDLAND RULINGWING CITY v. Altona City, Sandhurst v. Springvale City v. SUNSHINE, MELBOURNE v. Werribee, Richmond v. Bell Park (draw).

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: HERRINGBUSH BUNDOORA v. Kailor, Colong v. MORRINGTON, ELTHAM v. Prakhon Shells, CAULFIELD CITY v. South Melbourne (draw), City v. Ringwood United (draw), North Geelong v. WAVERLEY CITY, St Albans v. Sandringham (draw).

DIVISION THREE

Saturday: YALLOURN v. Ballarat, Brighton v. GORRI, ADELAIDE v. ESSINGTON CITY, ROYAL CITY v. KILGOUR, PRAIRIE CITY v. KILGOUR, HAMILTON RANGERS v. Melbourne City, PORT MELBOURNE v. Moorabbin.

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday: HAWTHORN v. Kaysborough, Broadmeadows v. Fensham, Gully United v. CLIFTON HILL v. Langwarrup, BORDEN v. Rosanna, EAST BUNSWICK v. Rosnall, Holland Park v. Springvale United (draw), Loral United v. VANDERLIE.

PROVINCIAL DIVISION ONE

Saturday: HAWKSBURN v. Malvern City, Clayton v. WEST BRUNSWICK, Chelsea v. CENTRAL CITY, CLAREMONT v. Malvern, BALGAULT v. CAULFIELD, BORDINA v. LALOR, YARRA UNITED v. LALOR CITY.

Serginho punchy, Chiedozie to Spurs

● **Serginho, 30, centre forward in Brazil's 1982 World Cup squad, has been given a three-month suspended jail sentence for hitting press photographers. The charge arose from a Brazilian national league match in Rio's Maracana stadium last year, in which Serginho's team Santos lost 3-0 to Flamengo.**

● English first division club Tottenham Hotspur, winner of last year's UEFA Cup, has signed Nigerian international John Chiedozie from Second Division Notts County for 375,000 pounds (about \$457,251). The signing of Chiedozie, a 24 year-old winger, comes a week after Tottenham paid 750,000 pounds (about \$A1,174,500) for England international striker Clive Allen.

● Former England skipper and soccer idol Kevin Keegan arrived in Kuala Lumpur last week to begin a one-month stint with Malaysia's junior squad. Keegan will be looking after the "Tiger" team, youngsters being groomed for the national team, in the annual Merdeka soccer tournament beginning on August 21. Malaysia will be fielding two teams in this tournament in which eight countries in-

cluding Australia are participants.

● The manager of Iraq's Olympic football team, Ammar Baba, has been sacked after being held responsible for the side's poor showing at the Los Angeles Games. The Iraqi Football Association said Ammar Baba, who led Iraq to victory in the Asian Football Cup in New Delhi two years ago, had "failed in his mission and had not been up to managing properly." Iraq failed to make the quarter-finals after finishing bottom of group "B" with one point, earned in a 1-1 draw against Canada. They lost 1-0 to Cameroon and 4-2 to eventual bronze medalists Yugoslavia.

● A committee has been set up to study the feasibility of Israel joining UEFA. Its report will be presented to the Confederation's executive in December.

● Tomislav Ivic has declined an offer to become Benfica's coach, as the Lisbon club has been unable to guarantee him payment in US dollars. The Portuguese government recently imposed strict overseas currency regulations.

● Portsmouth has spent almost a third of the \$1,830,000 obtained for Mark Hateley from AC Milan on three recent acquisitions — Brian Gilbert (from Crystal Palace, \$200,000), Mick Kennedy (from Middlesbrough, \$200,000) and Scott McGarvey (from Manchester United, \$170,000).

● Former Aberdeen and Scotland full back Stuart Kennedy has been forced to retire through a knee injury.

● Argentina and Uruguay drew their international in Buenos Aires 0-0.

● In Medellin, Peru held Colombia to a 1-1 draw.

● Britain's National Health

Overseas round-up with PAUL MOON

Service is to sponsor West Bromwich Albion next season. As part of the deal, Albion will be required to carry an anti-smoking slogan on its jerseys.

● FA Cup winner Everton has strengthened its squad with the \$520,000 signing of England under 21 international Paul Bracewell from Sunderland.

● As a consequence of a \$200,000 sponsorship deal with a brewery, the Scottish League Cup will now be called the Skol Cup.

● Manchester United has decided not to offer a permanent contract to Peter Barnes, who toured Australia with United in June.

● El Salvador advanced to the second round of the CONCACAF World Cup qualifying series with a 5-0 aggregate victory over Puerto Rico.

● Laurie Cunningham's disastrous Spanish sojourn is over. The England international winger has left Real Madrid for France's Olympique Marseilles.

● Gordon Strachan has been confirmed as Manchester United player. Cologne's claim that he had signed a binding letter of intent to join Cologne was dismissed by a UEFA committee in Paris.

● Oxford United has signed Northern Ireland international Billy Hamilton from Burnley.

● As had been anticipated for some time, Luther Blissett has returned to Watford after a less than distinguished year at AC Milan.

● Fulham's flirtation with the oval ball seems to be over. The club's rugby league section has called in the official receiver.

● Bernard Joy, the last amateur to represent England at senior level, recently died aged 72. Joy, who later became a prominent soccer journalist, was with the Casuals when winning his only cap against Belgium in 1936.

● New Zealand's 20% devaluation of its dollar has cast further doubt on the All Whites' proposed world tour.

● Naples has refused to release Diego Maradona for Argentina's tour of Europe and Saudi Arabia in August. However, the Italian club stress as its recent signing will be available for the World Cup qualifying round later this year.

● Lou Macari has been appointed manager of Swindon Town. An even older Manchester United favorite, Harry Gregg, will be his assistant.

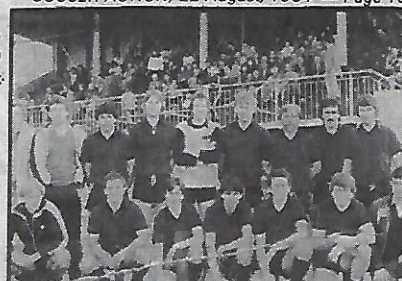
● Steve Archibald's \$2 million transfer to Barcelona from Tottenham was the first transaction of new Barca coach Terry Venables.

● Players of top Chilean team Universidad Catolica failed to turn up for their scheduled opening game of the Chilean First Division, claiming they were owed wages from the previous season.

● Rene Houseman, who was reported to be joining Sydney City Hakoah a few years ago, is to retire. Although a member of Independiente's first team squad, Houseman has made few appearances this year.

● Southampton's tour of Kenya was cancelled at the eleventh hour, as a consequence of the English rugby union team's recent visit to South Africa.

● Scottish centre half Willie Young has been sacked by his club, Norwich City, due to alleged "serious and persistent breaches of contract."



Juventus-Pioneer . . . racing away with the Tasmanian State League title. From left: Back: Ward, Di Martino, Perri, Cochrane, Craven, Charlton, Morton, Pace, Wells. Front: Broadhouse, De Felice, Pears, Genovesi, Kent (capt), Darko. (Photo by Ralph Dymond).

Morton wants Juve in NSL

By WALTER PLESS

Ken Morton discarded by Heidelberg-Alexander last year, now is coaching full-time in Hobart and his club, Juventus, looks set to win the Tasmanian championship.

We conducted the following interview with Morton.

Juventus is four points clear with five games remaining. Can you hold out and retain the title?

A: Yes. From the position we're in now, we've got to go on and win the league.

Have you enjoyed coaching and playing at Juventus this year?
A: We've been doing well and I've enjoyed coaching at Juventus because we've tried to play good soccer. We don't miss the midfield out. We stressed this year that we'd prefer to play a shorter-passing game rather than long hopeful stuff.

What positive things have you noticed in Tasmanian soccer this year?

A: This year, the top three or four teams — Juventus, Rapid Olympia, University — have all tried to play a decent brand of soccer. There hasn't been a lot of kick and rush stuff from the top teams and there haven't been a lot of physical games by the top teams. The top teams are probably looking at the game tactically far better than before.

How would you describe your coaching philosophy?

A: I like my teams to play simple soccer and I like players to play it simple. By that I don't mean I don't like players with flair. I do like players with flair, providing they use that flair in the right areas.

What else do you do, other than coach Juventus?

A: That in itself is a full-time job because I have all the underage teams to look after, and the coaches to look after, and then there's the reserve side and the senior side. I've also just run a Level 2 coaching course and I'm coach of the Tasmanian under 14 side which will be contesting the national titles in Newcastle soon.

Will you leave Tasmania next season?

A: It's something I'll have to consider shortly. I would be very reluctant to leave because I maintain that Tasmania is good enough, it has players here good enough, to compete in the National League and if the National Conference splits, with the Brisbane teams going into the Sydney group, then I think Tasmania should try desperately hard to get a northern team and a southern team into that Melbourne Conference. If that happens, obviously I would prefer to stay here. I like Tasmania as a place. My family is happy here and I would like to think Juventus would get into the NSL.



Victoria's under 16s

The Victorian under 16 squad that will contest the national championship at Sydney Athletic Field from August 27 to 31.

From left, standing: Tim White (coach), Mitchell Pilbeam (Wilhelmine), Jack Bacak (Croatia), Igor Lopatic (Footscray JUST), Corrado Nobile (Fawkner), Mike Iokimidis

(Clarinda), Zdravko Basic (Box Hill), Alex Brkic (Doncaster), Peter Papalazarou (Caulfield). Front: Adam Byrne (Knox City), Frank Sabatino (Fawkner), Richard Falzon (Deer Park), Tas Koutsikos (Clayton), David Hawley (Knox City), Jimmy Constantinou (Northcote City), Eric Sostak (Morwell Falcons), Colin Hawthorne (Springvale South). Picture by LES SHORROCK.

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SUNDAY Aug 26	
1 W.A. v N.N.S.W. 11.00 am	
2 QLD v N.S.W. 12.30 pm	
3 VIC v BYE	
4 S.A. v N.T. 2.00 pm	
MONDAY: Aug 27	
1 N.S.W. v BYE	
2 N.N.S.W. v VIC 11.00 am	
3 W.A. v N.T. 12.30 pm	
4 QLD v S.A. 2.00 pm	
TUESDAY: Aug 28	
1 S.A. v VIC 11.00 am	
2 W.A. v N.S.W. 12.30 pm	
3 QLD v BYE	
4 N.N.S.W. v N.T. 2.00 pm	
* WEDNESDAY: Aug 29	
1 BYE v N.T.	
2 S.A. v N.N.S.W. 10.00 am	
3 W.A. v QLD 11.30 am	
4 VIC v N.S.W. 1.00 pm	
THURSDAY: Aug 30	
1 N.N.S.W. v QLD 11.00 am	
2 N.T. v VIC 12.30 pm	
3 N.S.W. v S.A. 2.00 pm	
4 W.A. v BYE	
FRIDAY: Aug 31	
1 W.A. v VIC 11.00 am	
2 BYE v S.A.	
3 N.T. v QLD 12.30 pm	
4 N.S.W. v N.N.S.W. 2.00 pm	
SATURDAY: Sept 1	
1 N.T. v N.S.W. 10.30 am	
2 W.A. v S.A. 12.00 pm	
3 BYE v N.N.S.W.	
4 VIC v QLD 1.30 pm	

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OPENING CEREMONY:
Sunday 26th August 9.30 am

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VICTORIAN UNDER 13s 1984

Back Row: Bernie Shaw (coach), Kieron Lennon, (Nunawading City), Steven Horvat, (N. Geelong), Ante Stipic (Melbourne Croatia), Anton Price (St. Albans), Barry Diep (South Springvale), Eddy Hrbolic (St. Albans), Bradley Langford (Frankston Pines), Athan Zacharias (Western Suburbs), Norm Wood (Manager).
Front Row: Spencer Field (Croydon), David Mozinga (Croydon), Zoran Droginski (Preston), Jozo Rados (St. Albans), Mauricio Gonzalez (Baxter), Paul Deperpetis (Thomas-town), Sammy Emmanuele (Fawkner), Bill Peppos (Heidelberg).

The VSF is proud to be hosting the National Under 13 Championships from Sunday August 26 to Saturday September 1st.

All games in the Round-robin competition will be held at Altona City's ground, Kim Reserve, Altona, with the exception of Wednesday, August 29, when three games will be played at Olympic Park.

The JLMC of the VSF is extremely grateful to both Altona City Soccer Club and the Olympic Park Management Committee for the use of their grounds, and wishes to thank Ms Wyn Scott of Altona for her help in organizing the championship.

The Championship manager is Mr Stuart Browne of the JLMC.

TA NEA TΩN ΟΜΑΔΩΝ ΜΑΣ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ



by
Manos
Milios

ΝΙΚΗΣ ΤΟ ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ ΣΤΙΣ 2-1

Πάρα πολύ καλό το Μάλβερν Στις νίκησε εύκολα το Κλάφτον 2-1 και πήρε δίκαια τους δύο βαθμούς.

Η ομάδα του Νίκου Νικόπουλου κράτησε σε όλο το διάστημα την υπεροχή και στο 25 κέρδισε πέναλτι αλλά ο Ίανουλδης άστέχισε.

Στο 28' όμως ο Άλγκινκσβιλνς με δυνατό σουτ άνοιξε το σκόρ για να κερδίσει νέο πέναλτι η Ελληνική ομάδα στο 31' και ο Τριανταφυλλίδης να κάνει το 2-0.

Στο 35' όμως το Μάλβερν κράτησε την υπεροχή αλλά δεν μπόρεσε να μεγαλώσει το σκόρ. Άντιβερτα το Κλάφτον μείωσε την διαφορά σε 2-1 στο 90' με πέναλτι.

Βραβεία για το Μάλβερν οι: Φαουόνας, Νίκου, Αζιζομάντρου, (46' Τσάμπος) Σμαρτς, Παπαδόπουλος, Ρομπόκος, Τριανταφυλλίδης, Γεωργιάδης, Γιαννίκης, Ίανουλδης (70' Κατσιμπούκας) Άλγκινκσβιλνς.

Η Β' ομάδα έχασε 4-3

ΔΕΝ ΠΑΙΞΕ ΤΟ ΚΛΑΪΤΟΝ ΧΙΛ

Παρά την έπιμονή των ανθρώπων του Σέντ-ου Γκλάου να γίνει ο αγώνας στο τελεως ακατάλληλο γηπεδο τους με το Κλάφτον, τα λικά δ διαειτητής κ.Ρ.ΣΕΥΕΡΣ άφου το κή ταζε προσεκτικά δεν δέχθηκε να κάνει το παιχνίδι.

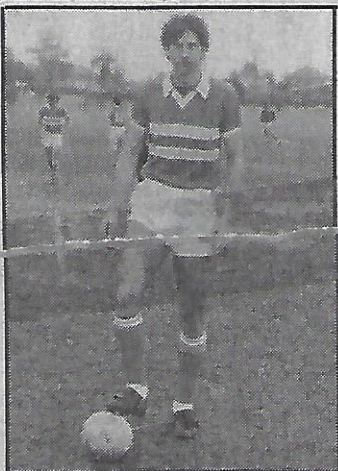
Συγκεκριμένα εκτός του ότι δολιότητα το γηπεδο ήταν λασπώμενο, οι δύο έστεις ήταν σωστός βόμβος. Άκόμα και όταν οι το Φ.Γκλάου προσπάθησαν να βγάλουν τα νερά δεν άλλαξε τίποτα και σωστά δ πειραμώμενος ρεφερέ το έκρινε ακατάλληλο. Στην έπιμονή τους οι παράγοντες του Φ. Γκλάου να γίνει ο αγώνας άπωσθήποτε πη γαν των ρεφερέ σε ένα άλλο γηπεδο με λι γύτερο νερό αλλά κι' αυτό το βρήκε ακατάλληλο γιατί ήταν μικρό στις διαστάσεις.

Η Β' ομάδα του Κλάφτον νίκησε την Άντι στοιχη του Φ.Γκλάου 3-1.

Αξ τέρματα πέτυχαν οι Άλκιβάνς 2 και Κοβούνας.

ΓΙΑ ΤΑ ΤΣΟΥΝΙΟΡ

Για την διοργάνωση του SUNNY CRUST CUP και που θα άρχισι στις 6 του Οκτώβρη όλοι Ελληνικοί σύλλογοι θέλουν να συμμε



Ο Άγγελος Κούτος είναι από τα νέα ταλέντα του Κλάφτον Στις και βασικό στέλεχος της Α' ομάδας. Εκτός αυτού πρόκειται για ένα θαυμάσιο χαρακτήρα και γι' αυτό είναι από τα αγαπημένα παιδιά του ελληνικού συλλόγου.

πάρουν με τις ομάδες των Τσούνιόρς, με τηλεφωνήσουν στον Τζιμ Άμστοργκ στον αριθμό 370 8197.

ΧΟΡΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΣ

Το Σάββατο η Έλλάς (γυναικείο τμήμα) δι οργανώνει χορό στη λέσχη του συλλόγου. Πιστεύεται ότι οι φίλοι της Έλλάς θα δώσουν το παρών.

ΒΡΑΒΙΑ ΝΤΣΙΚΟ ΤΟΥ ΚΛΑΪΤΟΝ

Την 1η του Σεπτεμβρίου το Κλάφτον Χιλ διοργανώνει βραδιά Ντσκο στο πολυτελές Νί κολσον Ρεσθόρν με τιμή εισιτηρίου 13 δολάρια.

Για εισιτήρια τηλεφωνήστε στον Κώστα Πατρινάκο στο 484 6115.

ΕΠΙΠΡΟΚΑΤΑΝΑ - ΠΑΡΑΡΡΑΒΙΑ 2 - 2

ΧΟΡΙΣ ΚΑΜΜΙΑ ΠΟΙΟΤΗΤΑ

Δεν δικαιώσαν την θέση που βρίσκονται ούτε η γηπεδοχώρας Σπρινκνέιλν 2η στον βαθμολογικό πίνακα της Δ' του Μετρό, ούτε το Γκάρντνερ που είναι στην 1η θέση.

Τς ντέρτυν στο όποιο ήταν άριστη άστυ-

νομική δύναμη δεν είχε καμιά ποιότητα και δεν ξεχώρισε κανένας παίκτης.

Το Γκάρντνερ άν και προηγήθηκε δύο φορές στο σκόρ ήταν τόσο άπρογραμματιστο μέσα στον άνωιστικό χώρο έτσι ώστε δεν κατάφερε να το κρατήσει. Άλλισια σά τε λευταία λεπτά και ένώ ήταν μπροστά στο σκόρ 2-1 οι παίκτες του κλειστήκαν μέσα στην περιοχή τους και κλωτσώσαν στα τυ φλά την μπάλα.

Και τέτοια άπορότητα καρποφόρησε για τους γηπεδοχώρας που έκαναν το 2-2 στο 88' της συνάντησης.

"ΤΑΒΕΡΝΑ ΝΑΪΤ" ΤΟΥ ΚΩΛΗΦΑΝΤ

"Ταβέρνα Νάιτ" διοργανώνει το Κώληφντ την 1η του Σεπτεμβρίου στην αίθουσα της Λέσχης του γηπεδου του με 12 δολ. το εισιτήριο. Πληροφορίες στο 578 5694 στον Γιώργο Σαφειρόπουλο.

ΠΑΡΑΣΙΝΗ ΝΟΟΤΡΟΠΙΑ

Ένα γράμμα που πήραμε από τον υπεθύνο επί του Τόπου του Πέλοπα κ.Α.Γρηγορίου, μας έβαλε σε ανέσεις και άμφιβολίες με τον τρόπο που χειρίζονται οι παράγοντες του σωματείου αυτού μερικά πράγματα.

Συγκεκριμένα στον αγώνα του Πέλοπα με το Κλάφτον Χιλ, η στήλη έγραφε 2 ή 3 και κτες από την διάδα του Χώρουν που κατά την γνώμη της απέδωσαν σωστά.

Απόψιχαν οι παίκτες που κατά την δική μας κριτική ήταν πάλι σωστοί.

Ο επί του Τόπου όμως μας γράφει: "Παρά τους έχου οι φιλαθλοι του Πέλοπα για το δίκαιο διακρίνεται της περασμένης βδομάδας μεταξύ Πέλοπα και Κλάφτον. Έγώ προσωπικά δεν ζήτησα να βάζετε διακρίνεται για τον Πέλοπα και όμως οι φιλαθλοι τά έχουν βάλει μαζί μου.

Νομίζω είναι άδικο να βάζετε παίκτες δι ακρίβητες οι όποιοι αδύνατοι για τα γκολ που δέχθηκε η ομάδα τους".

Όπως βλέπετε κ.Γρηγορίου η στήλη μας, άν και δεν έχει πολύ χώρο σάς δημοσιεύει τα παρόντα σας για να είναι σωστή.

Με την σειρά τας όμως θα ήθελε να ένημερώσει τόσο εσάς, όσο και αυτούς που σάς δημοσιεύουν προβάλλοντας ότι ο κάθε άθλητογιστής δεν περιμένει τον υπεθύνο επί του Τόπου για να το δώσει τους διακρίβητες άφου έχει δει τον αγώνα.

Αυτό γίνεται όταν δεν έχει παρακολούθησει την συνάντηση. Τότε βασίζει σβήματα με τα όσα γράφετε. Άλλοι όμως άν έσεις ή οι μερικοί παθιασμένοι φιλαθλοι σάς άπωσθήποτε (δεν είναι δική σας δουλειά) να γράφουμε αυτούς που έλαμε σν διακρίβητες. Άπώς νομίζετε ότι σά πειγυρία της Έλλάς και το Μέγα που καλωπουμε, στο τέλος πηγαίνουμε και ρωτάμε τον κ.Λεζίκη η τον κ.Γκούλδουλο για να μάς δώσουν τους διακρίβητες;

Αντίμας που διαπιστώνω ότι στον Πέλοπα άπόρουν άνθρωποι με τόσο σκουριασμένες άντιθέσεις και τελεως άσχετες. Εά μπορούσαν και αυτοί και έσεις να άσχοληθείτε με κάτι περισσότερο ενδιαφέρον για το σωματείο που δεν είναι άλλο από το να κρατηθείτε στην κατηγορία κάτι φυσικά που το εύχόμεθα και έμεις.

ΝΙΚΗΣ 2 - 1 Η ΚΑΡΑΡΙΝΤΑ

Η Καραρίντα πήρε μια άκόνη νίκη επί του Σέντ-ου Γκλάου 2-1 και κρατεί σταθερά τη 3η θέση με τρεις βαθμούς διαφορά από το Νπάλλαρατ και την Μπορόνια.

Η Ελληνική ομάδα ήταν άνώτερη σε όλον τον αγώνα και πήρε δίκαια τους δύο βαθμούς.

Αξ γκολ για την ομάδα του Βασίλη Γκατζώνη πέτυχαν οι Φάλε και Κοζιάρης.

ΚΟΝΤΑ ΣΤΟ ΚΛΑΪΤΟΝ ΤΟ ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ

Το Κλάφτον Χιλ που βρίσκεται στην 4η θέση του βαθμολογικού πίνακα της Δ' του Μετροπόλιταν με 28 βαθμούς και ένα άγώνα πιά λίγο, το Σάββατο υποδέχεται το πά να μαχητικό Λαγκουόρν η όποιο είναι κοντά στον υποβιβασμό και κυνηγάει τους βαθμούς σν χρυσάφι.

Οι φιλαθλοι του Κλάφτον εά πρέπει να δώσουν έντονο το παρών και να σταθούν κοντά στην κυανόλευκη η όποια στον Β' γόρο έδειξε την πραγματική της αξία.

Άς σημειωθεί ότι άν το Κλάφτον πάρει τους δύο βαθμούς από τον αγώνα με το Φ. Γκλάου, τότε εά περσσει στην 3η θέση με νο του.

YUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

U trenutka kada nevrerne Tome ponovo dizu glas i predviđaju brzu propast Nacionalne lige (po nekima vece slusamo poslednje akorde Laburne pesme), JUST doživljava preporod koji najvise u "plavih" željno očekuju pola decenije. Pre nekoliko meseci govorilo se o opstanku, danas su ambicije daleko vece od JUSTovih finansijaskih mogućnosti. Pobede, porocavanja, treskove, koji su inace daleko veci od prihoda. Jedini izlaz su dobrotvori i publika, koja se sporo vracia na fudbalske stadione.

Ja JUSTov preporod na sportskom polju zasluza nosi uprava, koja je u pravo vreme imala hrabrosti da na celo strucnog stabla vrati Cedu Cirkovica. Pored toga je bio duboko vezan za razviktom JUSTa, imao je i druge osobine neophodne za uspeh kluba na sportskom polju. Pale su u vodu sve price da ce fapanovati Jugoslovene, jer kao bivsi igrac i trener nacio je da ceni samo dobre igraice. Taku politiku vodio je pre i danas, sto pokazuje dobre rezultate i zadovoljstvo u timu, cak i kada zaskrpi.

Drugi veliki dobicak je dolazak iz Diagona, Lactmanovica, koji je (slobodno se moze reci) probudio Zdravka Lujica, kome je ovo najbolsa sezona od kako je dosao u Australiju. Pored toga najbolji je strelac JUSTa u ovoj sezoni. U pozadini je jos uvek nezamislivo da veteran Denis Boland, dok je Gary McDowell najveca inspiracija celog tima, dirigent igre kakvog JUST nije imao od Franka Micica, Vere Miladenovica, Tomislava Stanovica, Ivana Perkica, Steve Zakomara, Pere Vidovica, Vlade Caldarevica, Jose Jakusa i slicnih veterana iz slavlnh dana viktorijanskog nogometa.

Najbolji dokaz JUSTOVog preporoda su dve zadnje pobede za 24 sata. Bilo je to izvanredan poraz, koji je "plavi" ponovo doneo 4. mesto. Savez je doneo jos odluku da JUST i Canberra City odigraju

zaostali utakmicu u subotu, a redovnu u nedelju. Bilo bi sve u redu da su obe utakmice odigrane u istom mestu. Medjutim, JUST je morao da putuje u subotu u Kanberu, dok je sutradan bio domacin na svom terenu u Footscray. Ovakav napor ne mogu da podnesu ni pravi profesionalci, da ne govrimo o poluamaterima, koji rade teske poslove. JUSTovi igraci su odlicno podneli napor i zasluzeno dobili obe utakmice. Po recima trenera Cede Cirkovica u Kanberi su njegovi momci igrali vrlo slabo, sto ne znaci da nisu zaslužili dva boda. U ovom slucaju treba istaci odgovornost igru odbrane na celu sa Denis Bolandom, Igorom Hazabentom i Gary McDowellom, koji je mnogo pomogao mladi i neumorni Toma Karic, koji igra kao veteran Razume se, Dragan Lactmanovic i Zdravko Lujic, potvrdili su svoju klasu iako nisu imali najbolji dan. Majstorski su izradili gol, koji je doneo dva boda.

Umesto da sutradan umor savlada igraice, dogodilo se suprotno. Oba tima su igrali brze i mastovilje, ali od početka do kraja JUST je bio daleko bolji. Imi Gosti se, medjutim, nisu predavali, cak su u zadnjim trenucima prinudili Bolanda da izvede par nevidjenih parada.

U prvom poluvremenu "plavi" su imali tri idealne sance, koje su zbog nepravilnosti Umesto da imaju pobedu u drzpu, na odmor su otili sa spustenim glavama, jer su gosti u zadnjoj sekundi postigli gol iz sumnjivo jedanaesterca, koji umnogom nije imao sasu za gol. Da bi popravio grešku Bambridge je odmah posle odmora pokazao crveni karton igraca Canbere City zbog navodne psokve. Jos nekoliko loših odluka idu na duzu Chris Bambridgea, ali na sreću JUST se razigrao kao

nikad do sada i bukvalno pregazio borbene goste. Sa malom vise sportske srece u strelce su mogli da se upisu i Dragan Lactmanovic kao i Vlatko Belic, dok se Zdravko Lujic iskazao za jedan promasaj leptom golom u 58. minutu. Dva najlepsa gola postigao je Joe Carroll, koji je razbio maier na ovoj utakmici.

NEOCEKIVANO ALI ZASLUZENO

Melbourne Croatia je izbila na celo tabele Nacionalne konferencije posto je ubedljivo pobedila West Adelaide sa 4:0 u gostima. Uspon Croatiae, iako veci i spektakularniji, moze se uporediti sa JUSTom. I tamo je dugo trebalo da se izvesti nuzna smena trenera. Eksperiment, koji je kostao suvise para, morao je da dozivi fijasiko, da bi primorao upravu da izvrši smenu trenera. Treba priznati da Toni Vrzina nije mogao zamisliti bolji skup igraca od onog koji je zatekao u Croatiau. Jedino je uspeo da gomilju pretvori u solunici celinu.

Ukoliko razum bude jaci od strasti, polufinalna utakmica Nacionalnog Kupa izmedju Croatiae i JUSTa donece utakmicu sezone, kakvu samo mogu da sanjaju ljubitelji nogometa u Melbourneu.

Veliko iznenadjenje je i promeljiva forma Makedonije, koja jos ima nadu da se probije u petorku.

U nedelju 26. avgusta Makedoniju igra odlucujuću utakmicu protiv South Melbourne na svom igralistu u Reservoiru.

Pobeda, koja je sasvim pouzda, bila bi vazan preokret za prodor Makedonije u vrh tabele. Tesku utakmicu igra i Melbourne Croatia u Sidneju iako se proslogodisnji prvak St George nalazi u neugodnoj situaciji na tabeli Australijanske konferencije.

PRVENSTVO MELBURNA

Pocecemo ponovo sa pregledom rezultata i novostima iz nashih klubova, koji se takmice za prvenstvo Melbournea.

U prvoj divizion Altona Gate/VARDAR izgubio je sa 2:1 od Werthebea, ali je osigurao plasman u sredini tabele.

U drugoj divizion Ringwood/SRBIA nije igrala prole nedelje, ali i ona nema problema. Obredzila je opstanak, a pored toga iskaltla mladu garnituru, koja ce iduce godine moći da vodi borbu za vrh tabele.

Springvale United (Bratstvo/Jedinstvo) i Yarraville pobedili su bodove posle ravnomerne borbe. "Plavi" iz Springvale propustili su izgleda poslednju priliku da izbiu na prvo mesto, ali su ipak osigurali prelazak u starji rang takmicenja, sto je u ovom trenutku isto toliko vazno kao pocasna titula prvaka.

Central City/CRVENA ZVEZDA i Clarinda (2:1). Jedini gol za Zvezdu postigao je Edi Krtu 44 minutu, posle je prethodno u slalomu presao 6 protivnickih igraca. Zvezda je igrala bolje, imala zvezde sance (dve stativne), ali je protivnik bio efikasniji. Najbolji igraci: Ivica Karic, Miki Cvetkovski i Miodrag Velickovic. Najveci deo utakmice branio je Borce Belokozovski, posle je Nikola Popovic ponovo ozledio staru ranu. Rezerva je izgubila sa 0:3 (1:1).

Hawkinsburn - West Geelong 6:0 (2:0). Strelci: Robert Eder 3, Steve Henku 2 i Joe Hegedus 1. Nastav Hawkinsburna T. Mistic, A. Ambur, T. Benedek, J. Hegedus, A. Kazi K. Kantar S. Hanku.

Sastav Bosne Adam Becirevic, Dragan Petrovic, Toni Ortika, Stevan Kosovac, Branko Gavran, Zoran Kustura (Igor Mukavec od 46 minuta), Zeljko Mikulic, Petko Tomić, Zarko Stanimirov, Nikola Ilic, Frank Erdedi. Rezerva je izgubila sa 1:2 (1:1). Strelac za Bosnu Dragoslav Karaga.



S. Balog, R. Erdeg, T. Hadjmasi, S. Blesjak Osetio se povratkak trenera Joe Saba, koji je proveo 7 nedelja u Jugoslaviji, gde je posetio bolnesnu majku.

Najbolji igraci za Hawkinsburn Robert Erdeg, Steve Balog i Stjepan Kantar. Rezerva je pobedila sa 3:2 (1:0).

Richmond Utd/BOSNA - Batman Utd 3:3 (1:1). Strelci: Zarko Stanimirov u 17 i 87 minutu, Nik Ilic u 54. minutu. Najbolja igra Bosne koja je odigrala tesku utakmicu, jer je morala da se bori i protiv pristrasnog sudije, koji je u 65. minutu poklonio gostima jedanaesterac, ali srecom udarac sa bele tacke nije pogodio cilj.

Sastav Bosne Adam Becirevic, Dragan Petrovic, Toni Ortika, Stevan Kosovac, Branko Gavran, Zoran Kustura (Igor Mukavec od 46 minuta), Zeljko Mikulic, Petko Tomić, Zarko Stanimirov, Nikola Ilic, Frank Erdedi. Rezerva je izgubila sa 1:2 (1:1). Strelac za Bosnu Dragoslav Karaga.

U subotu 25. avgusta Bosna je gost Westalla na Princes Highway Reserve, Dandenong. D. Petrovic.

PROMENILI SREDINU

JUST-ove redove napustili su Milan Kojić (levo) i Slobodan Jovanović (desno), ali nisu obesili kopacke o klin. Kojić sa uspehom nosi dres Knox Citya, a Jovanović igra za Sunshine George Cross.

Pascoe Vale/PELISTER - Berwick City 4:0 (2:0). Strelci: Mirko Danovski 2, Boris Cosic i Tony Centarino po jedan.

Sastav Pelister: Maracato, Benella, Lazarevski, Christov, Dzanovski, McLaughlin, Cvetanovski, Niccvisi, Centarino, Cosic, Radjicki. Rezerva je izgubila sa 0:1. Sa ovom velikom pobedom Pelister je izbio na celo tabele druge provizionalne divizion. Igraju se jos dva kola do kraja prvenstva i Pelister ima odlucnu priliku da osvoji prvo mesto, posto se protivnici nalaze na dnu tabele.

Lawton Park - Vesela Makedonija 3:1 (2:0). Neocekivan poraz zbog slabog sudije, koji je izgubio kontrolu igre, sto su domaci igraci iskostili do kraja. Kod stanja 2:1 za protivnika, veseli momci su se razigrali i prinudili protiv-

nogama Sudija je u tom trenutku bez razloga pokazao crveni karton jednom igracu Vesela Makedonije, a onda se iz straha sruko kao pokosen tako da je utakmicu morao da nastavi promoci sudija. Bio je to polufinalni susret za Vesela Makedonija igra prvenstvenu utakmicu protiv Beumartisa na omanju "Bratstva/Jedinstva" u Keysborough. Pocetak u 11 pre podne.

Oakleigh City/TARAX - Altona/ILINDEN 0:5. Strelci: B. Petkovski 2 gola, I. Pliovski, K. Mladenovski i L. Lazarevski po 1. U nedelju 26. avgusta Ilinden docekuje Fibremakers Utd na Hospital Reserve, ugao Millers & Blackshaws Rds, North Altona.

Brittons/Geelong - Diggers Rest/JADRAN 1:3. Strelci za Jadran: Milan Knezevic,



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AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

BLACKTOWN CITY
V.
SYDNEY CITY

Gabbie Stadium 3pm

Previous NSL Results

Sydney City 3 wins

Blacktown 1 win 2 draws



Peter Falconer
Sydney City

CANBERRA ARROWS
V.
WOLLONGONG CITY

Bruce Stadium 3pm

Previous NSL Results

Canberra 3 wins

Wollongong 2 wins



Allan Reis
Canberra

LEIGHHARDT
V.
BRISBANE LIONS

Henson Park 3pm

Previous NSL results

Leighardt 3 wins

Brisbane Lions 2 wins, 3 draws



Calvin Daunt
Brisbane Lions

MARCONI
V.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Marconi 5 wins

Sydney Olympic 2 wins

4 draws



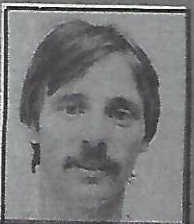
Steve Kalantzis
Sydney Olympic

PENRITH CITY
V.
MELITA EAGLES

Cook Park 3pm

Previous NSL results

1 draw



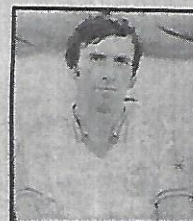
Alex McPherson
Melita Eagles

ST. GEORGE
V.
SYDNEY CROATIA

St. George Stadium 3pm

Previous NSL results

1 draw



Dez Marton
St. George

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

ADELAIDE CITY
V.
GREEN GULLY

Olympic Sports Field 2.30pm

Previous NSL Results

Green Gully 1 win



Steve McClelland
Green Gully

BRISBANE CITY
V.
JUVENTUS

Spencer Park 3pm

No Previous

NSL results



Joe Sweeney
Juventus

SUNSHINE
GEORGE CROSS
V.
WEST ADELAIDE

Chaplin Reserve 3pm

Previous NSL results

West Adelaide 1 win



Tim Brown
West Adelaide

HEIDELBERG
V.
FOOTSCRAY

Olympic Village 3pm

Previous NSL results

Heidelberg 7 wins

Footscray 1 win, 4 draws



Kyri Kyriakoules
Footscray

MELBOURNE
CROATIA
V.
NEWCASTLE

Olympic Park No.1

No previous NSL results



Steve Blasby
Croatia

PRESTON
V.
SOUTH MELBOURNE

Connor Reserve 3pm

Previous NSL results

Preston 2 wins

South Melbourne 2 wins 3 draws



Zarko Odzakovic
Preston